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New Activities at the World Health Organization Library

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Today's libraries are in a strategic position to offer services in a vast array of forms, encompassing a wide range of options. For the United Nations system libraries, serving both the best and least equipped of clientele, there is no debate as to print vs. electronic. We need to have both. This paper gives a few examples of the hybrid library approach to information services in an international context. It outlines the opportunities created by the "One WHO" approach to providing access to information, including the WHO Library Database (WHOLIS) and its full text links, the Global Information Full Text (GIFT) access for WHO offices worldwide, the Health InterNetwork access to Research Initiative and the Blue Trunk library project for district health centres. Moving forward, the WHO Library will continue to be a hybrid library, providing print based resources for those presently excluded from connectivity while developing new electronic resources and access.