The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
Resources @ The WSU Libraries

This guide will introduce you to a variety of resources related to Rebecca Skloot’s “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.” The WSU Libraries have three copies of the book on reserve at the Holland and Terrell Libraries and one at the Animal Health Library. In addition, Owen Science and Engineering Library has three copies available for check out and the Vancouver Library has two. For more details, see the WSU WorldCat record: [http://washingtonstate.worldcat.org/oclc/326529053](http://washingtonstate.worldcat.org/oclc/326529053).

Reference Sources

To find reference resources, go to Griffin catalog from the Libraries homepage, click on the “advanced search” button, and location limit your search to “WSU Owen Reference” (sciences) or “WSU Holland Reference” (humanities/social sciences), and type in (a) general term(s) to describe your topic.

Resource Examples:

- Oxford Reference Online Premium Collection
  (over 180 electronic dictionaries and encyclopedias)
  click on Find Journal Articles from the WSU Libraries homepage, click on Databases A to Z, search for “oxford premium”

  WSU Holland and Terrell Reference QH332 .E52 (vols. 1-5)

  WSU Animal Health Reference RC 262. E558 (vols. 1-3)

WSU WorldCat

WSU WorldCat features a single user-friendly interface to search across Griffin resources, Summit (a group catalog of resources from 35+ academic libraries across WA, OR and ID) and WorldCat (a collection of more than 150 million library items). WSU WorldCat has books, articles, media items and much more.

You can search WSU WorldCat from the WSU Libraries homepage ([libraries.wsu.edu](libraries.wsu.edu)). Use the crimson “FindIt!@WSU” buttons to help you obtain the library item(s) you want.
Relevant Library of Congress Subject Headings

The subject headings below will lead you to helpful human-indexed materials related to “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.” You can search for these subject headings in WSU WorldCat (on the Libraries homepage, libraries.wsu.edu) by typing in “hl:” and the name of the subject heading. An example is – hl:bioethics – united states. In WSU WorldCat you will see not only the relevant WSU materials but also those that can be requested from libraries worldwide.

African American women – History
Bioethics – United States
Cancer – Patients
Cancer – Treatment
Informed consent (Medical Law)
National Institutes of Health (U.S.)

Below are other topics from the book (with pages numbers as appropriate) – not all subject headings, but all can be searched by just putting the text in the WSU WorldCat search box

Part I - Life
Great migration (26)
Tuskegee syphilis study (50)
Tuskegee HeLa factory, Charles Bynum (96)
Mississippi appendectomies (50)
Sickle-cell anemia (lack of research dollars)
Pap Smear (28, 29)
Radiation Therapy (30)
John Hopkins
George Gey (38-40)
Biopsies
Eugenics (59)
Alexis Carrel, Chicken Heart (60-62)
Doctor/patient relations – benevolent deception (63)
“The way of all flesh” BBC documentary about HeLa (75)
Racism/discrimination in health care

Part II – Death
Dead vs. living tissue (89)
Jonas Salk, polio vaccine (93)
Virology (98)
Replication in science (99)
Chromosomes and disease (100)
Tissues Industry – Microbiological Associates – Sam Reader (101)
Animal Research (102)
Patient Privacy (108, 109)
Child abuse
Child poverty
Child labor (crop harvesting)
Race relations (123-126)
Medical research on inmates (Chester Southam) (127 -130)
Nuremburg Code (131)
Informed Consent (132)
National Institutes of Health
Human/animal hybrids (142, 143)
HeLa Bomb (cell line contamination)
Night doctors (166, 167)
National Cancer Act – War on Cancer (173)
Popular press coverage of science (197)
John Moore lawsuit (David Golde) (199-206)
Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) (212)
Sir Load Keenan Kester Cofield (225-230)
National Foundation for Cancer Research (257)

Part III – Immortality
Human Genome Project
Institutionalization (Crownsville State Hospital) (268-278)
Medical records (279-285)
Medicine and Christianity (286-296)

Notes
Contains references to a great number of sources for further research (346-366)

Articles (Newspaper, Magazine, Journal)

For article searching, first click on the “Find Journal Articles” tab from the Libraries’ homepage (libraries.wsu.edu), next follow the directions below for the article type of interest:

For science scholarly journal articles, use “Databases A to Z” to find these 7 databases:
Scifinder Scholar, Web of Science and Academic Search Complete (all sciences)
Biosis (biological sciences)
PubMed (human health)

For humanities and social science scholarly journal articles, use “Databases A to Z” to find these 3 databases:
Historical Abstracts (history)
Sociological Abstracts (sociology)
PsycINFO (psychology)

For newspaper articles, use “Databases A to Z” to find these 3 databases:
ProQuest Newspapers
Lexis Nexis Academic

For magazine articles, use “Databases A to Z” to find these 2 databases:
Academic Search Complete
Reader’s Guide Retrospective

* WSU WorldCat has articles as well as books and other library materials.
* Use the FindIt!@WSU button to help you locate the full-text articles.
Media

Most media resources (DVD, VHS, CD, records, etc.) are available at Media Materials and Reserves in Holland and Terrell Libraries (Ground Floor). First, search WSU WorldCat at http://washingtonstate.worldcat.org/ by entering your search. You can then limit your search to media items in the “Format” section on the left side of the page.

Resource Examples:

Confidentiality and patient privacy: basic principles for staff education (Medical Consultations Network Inc.) (2011)
WSU Owen R727.3 .C655 (DVD)

Cancer and metastasis (Films for the Humanities) (2003)
WSU Animal Health RC269.5 .C354 (DVD)

Available in alternative format upon request.