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## People Profile: Annis Lee Adams

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mation, patient information, or by medical specialty. Suggestions for refining the search using related concepts are also offered. Search terms are highlighted in the text. The section can be printed. Unfortunately, emailing, saving, or downloading to PDA are not options on this platform.

### Browsing STAT!Ref

STAT!Ref's title list is quite plain (see, Figure 4: STAT!Ref Browse Display) and can only be displayed in title order, with no option to sort by specialty. The tables of contents of the books are easily displayed by clicking on the title, providing easy navigation to a specific section of the book.

### Conclusion

The high quality content for each eBook collection discussed here is unquestionable. Each carries premier medical books that certainly health sciences libraries, and possibly other kinds of libraries, want to provide to their patrons. **AccessMedicine** and **MDConsult** contain additional medical content enhancing the value of their products.

In terms of search, browse, and navigational functionality, each of these eBook platforms has its strengths and weaknesses. **AccessMedicine** and **MDConsult** allow image searches in the books. The **Books@Ovid** browse page shows book covers and all the bibliographic data, and the Main Search offers advanced search options. **STAT!Ref** offers a smart search engine, so the searcher does not have to be. None of the platforms is perfect, but each does something extraordinarily well.

Figure 4: STAT!Ref Browse Display



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**FAVORITE BOOKS:** *A Fine Balance* by **Rohinton Mistry**; *In the Time of the Butterflies* by **Julia Alvarez**; *The Time Traveler's Wife* by **Audrey Niffenegger**.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** Innovations in technology will advance beyond what I can foresee. As librarians, we need to understand, embrace, and integrate them into our services for the benefit of our organizations, our workflow, and our patrons. It's an exciting time to be in libraries! 🌱



Searchers expect an interface that is easy to use, that supports Boolean operators, but doesn't require them, that has a logical relevancy ranking algorithm to float the most relevant results to the top, that suggests spelling alternatives, that allows saving, printing, and emailing

of sections, and a single browsable list of books with relevant bibliographic data displayed. In the eBook platforms discussed here, only one allows sections to be downloaded to PDA. In the future, patrons might expect the ability to download book sections to any number of handheld devices, such as PDAs or iPods, or even may want to download audio files of eBooks to their iPods or MP3 players.

As librarians, we need to communicate the strengths, weaknesses and desired innovations to the vendors at every opportunity, so that the vendors understand the features important to us. This kind of feedback helps vendors improve their products, which benefits librarians and patrons all.

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