

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY OVERVIEW

The study and research of education and leadership as it relates to health sciences relies on an ever expanding and diverse array of information sources and tools. To help you navigate through this maze of information, the Health Sciences Library, (HSL), provides access to number of helpful resources to assist you in locating, acquiring, and organizing information. Before you started searching for information, spend some time looking around the HSL web site at <http://www.hsl.creighton.edu>. There are various pages with content that you may find to be extremely useful. Pay particular attention to the “*Resources*”, “*Health Policy & Ethics*”, and “*Multicultural Health*” web pages since these contain a number of relevant resources.

WHAT TO USE

Of all the resources available, articles and books are still considered primary sources of information. The content in articles and books often cover key background, dispute points, and discussion of current issues in a concise and focus manner. In order to identify the useful titles, the Library provides links to different databases such as “**ERIC**”, “**Medline**”, “**CINAHL**”, “**ETHX on the Web**”, “**Encyclopedia of Bioethics**”, and “**The Hastings Center**” which contain records describing and indexing articles, book, reports, essays, etc... on issues related to health. (Records may include a link to the full-text or you may have to check the CU Libraries collection for holdings.)

Academic Search Premier

A broader based database that is listed on both the “*Resources*” and the “*Health Policy & Ethics*” web pages is “*Academic Search Premier*”.

This resource not only allows you to search for articles but includes options to check Creighton holdings, full-text access, and options for saving records. An additional benefit of using **ASP** is that this resource has a more powerful search engine than some of the other databases.

Books

Books are becoming increasingly available in electronic form. If you want to check Libraries' titles, use **CLIC**, the CU Libraries online catalog that includes records for both paper and electronic formats. Electronic books can be accessed directly from their **CLIC** records or through the "**E-Journals**" tab on both the Reinert and Health Sciences Libraries web pages. A fuller description of options for locating books and articles is found below with additional help in the "**Using World Cat**" document on "**Distance Education LibGuide**" on Reinert's web site.

Other Tools

To use the Internet to search for a wide range of information, try using "**Google Scholar**". This Internet browser only searches a limited area of web that includes educational, research, governmental, and non-profit organizations. If you use the "**Google Scholar**" link on the HSL's "**Resources**" page and on Reinert's "Databases A-Z" list under "G". You will find full-text and CU check holding links attached to the search result records.

To organize and access the records you find, the CU Libraries have an Internet based program called "**RefWorks**". (There is a tab marked "**RefWorks**" on every HSL web page. "RefWorks" is also on the Reinert web page in a number of locations, including under "**How to Site Your Sources**" located under the "**Research Toolbox**" section.) This program allows you to save citations into folders, check CU Libraries holdings, and

add citations in your papers. “**RefWorks**” will also format your citations and create a reference list in a style you select. Detailed instructions are on the HSL’s RefWorks web page under the “**Tips & Tutorials**” sections called “**HSL Tutorial**”. “**RefWorks 2.0**” is the newest version that is available now. Tutorials for the newer version are currently under development and will be on both Reinert’s and the HSL’s web site. The original “**RefWorks**” will be available under the end of 2011.

OBTAINING LIBRARY MATERIALS

Articles

Services is another area of the HSL web site you should spend a little time touring. Notice that “**Request a Search/Materials**” provides you with a form for “Interlibrary Loan (ILL)” and “Pull & Copy” requests. (Pull & Copy is when the library pulls, copies and e-mails an articles, book chapter, or other material from its collection. ILL is a process where the Library borrows a book or requests a copy of an article from another library since it is not in its collection. Articles will be sent electronically and books will be sent by mail directly to the requestor.) Please note that there are charges associated with these services. Pull & Copy is 20 cents a page and will be e-mailed directly to you. Costs for ILL vary since the charges are set by the library that fills the request.

Books

Books from the HSL collection will be sent to you for postage costs and you should use the “Pull & Copy” form to submit requests. If a Creighton Library does not own the book, you can order it through ILL. If you have cost or date restrictions, add these to the form. It is important that you give yourself as much lead time as possible when trying to locate resources since you may encounter some unforeseen delays.

Finding Materials in a Library Near You

“*Services*” includes another useful section for distance students, entitled “*Other Libraries*”. If you wish to find libraries in your area that may have a journal, book, or other resources, “**OCLC World Cat**” is a worldwide online catalog that you can search. Look at the document “**Using World Cat**” for more detailed information on using this resource. World Cat is only for locating library holding for books, journals, and other resources not for finding individual articles. Databases like Academic Search Premier are for searching for specific articles on specific topics.

Be sure to take advantage of libraries in your area. Most libraries will allow the public to use their collection, search their resources, and may even provide other free library services. Many students are surprised to find that they have a number of useful libraries within driving distance of their home. It is a good idea to check the library’s web site or call them before you visit to ask about hours, restrictions, copying, directions, parking, etc....

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact the Health Sciences Library’s Reference Desk at (402) 280-5138 or refdesk@creighton.edu.