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Getting Oriented to the Health Sciences Library

About Exploring Library Resources

This handout is designed to orient you to the wealth of resources available through the Health Sciences Library especially electronic resources that you can access from home, lab or office.

Objectives:

1. Overview of the Health Sciences Library resources available through the Web.
2. Explain how to access these electronic resources from the library, office, or home.

eJournals

The Health Sciences Library has a wide variety of electronic journals available through its website. It is common for a formerly print journal to now only be available in electronic form. However, not all our journals have an electronic counterpart. It is always a good idea to check not only the ejournal list but also the library catalog to determine if a journal is available in print format.

Many ejournals are available in full text, meaning that they provide the complete article to the reader as well as any charts, graphs, and photographs.

In 2013, the Health Sciences Library has electronic access to over 15,000 journal titles in the fields of dental medicine, health technology & management, medicine, nursing, and social welfare.

Just a small sampling of the ejournals available through the Health Sciences Library include:

Addiction	JAMA
Allergy	Journal of Cancer Nursing
American Family Physician	Journal of Dental Research
American Journal of Clinical Nutrition	Kidney International
American Journal of Emergency Medicine	Methods
American Journal of Nursing	New England Journal of Medicine
American Journal of Pathology	Nursing Management
Annals of Plastic Surgery	Nursing Research
Blood	Occupational Medicine
Cancer	Physical Therapy
Cancer Research	Public Health Nursing
Dental Materials	Science
Development	Social Policy
Gene	Social Work
Health Affairs	Surgery
International Journal of Cardiology	Trauma

A complete list of available electronic journals can be found on the Health Sciences Library website.

- Go to the library's website www.library.stonybrook.edu/healthsciences
- Click the eJournals tab in the middle of screen
- eJournals are arranged alphabetically by their title
- Enter your SBU NetID and password if accessing from off campus

Databases

Bibliographic databases are searchable indexes for both print and electronic publications. Most library databases contain scholarly journal articles that are searchable by keywords and phrases. You can search almost every database by using a variety of search values such as author, title, subject headings, and combine concepts using Boolean operators.

Although many databases provide full text articles there are several that will only provide you with citations and abstracts for the articles. In these cases, you will need to check the library catalog to determine if the Health Sciences Library owns the print journal or the ejournal list on the library website to determine if the library has access to the requested article.

Some of the databases available from the Health Sciences Library include:

Full Text

AccessMedicine
Annual Reviews
ClinicalKey
Cold Spring Harbor Protocols
Psychiatry Online
ScienceDirect
STAT!Ref
UpToDate
Wiley InterScience

Partial or No Full Text

Biological Abstracts
CINAHL Plus with Full Text
MEDLINE
PsycInfo
PubMed
Science Citation Index
Social Work Abstracts
Sociological Abstracts
Web of Science

A complete list of available databases can be found on the Health Sciences Library website.

- Go to the library's website www.library.stonybrook.edu/healthsciences
- Click on Databases tab in middle of screen
- Databases are arranged by subject categories for the five schools and also alphabetically by title

The Library Catalog

The library catalog is the first place to check to see if the library owns a specific book or print journal that you need. You can search the catalog by keyword, author, subject, or title. The catalog is also where you would go to locate books and articles that have been placed on reserve by an instructor. You do not need a NetID in order to search the catalog, but you will need a username and password to access electronic course reserves.

To search the library catalog:

- Go to the library's website www.library.stonybrook.edu/healthsciences
- Click on HSL Catalog tab in middle of screen
- Search by either Keyword, Title, Author, or Subject

eBooks

The Health Sciences Library has a collection of over 4,000 electronic books that are available through the website. Many of the textbooks that are online are the most current editions and can be accessed by more than one person. Not all ebooks are textbooks, however. Many ebooks can only be checked out for 24 hours from NetLibrary. Some NetLibrary titles require special software in order to be read.

To locate a list of electronic books available through the Health Sciences Library:

- Go to the library's website www.library.stonybrook.edu/healthscieces
- Click on eBooks tab in middle of screen
- Click on the eBook title you need
- Enter your SBU NetID and password if accesssing from off campus

How to Access these Resources

In order to access any of the electronic resources available through the Health Sciences Library from outside the university, you must have a Stony Brook University NetID. If you are accessing these products from the campus domain, then a NetID and NetID password is not required. If you don't know what your NetID and password are, check your SOLAR account. Log into SOLAR using your Stony Brook ID number and SOLAR password. (If you don't have a SOLAR password, follow the information on the SOLAR entry page to get one.) Once logged into SOLAR, go to "NETID Maintenance" in the Security and Personal Data section. If you are having difficulty accessing a particular library resource, contact the reference desk for assistance at 631.444.3099.

Some journals and databases have special restrictions that you must follow in order to access them:

- Several databases only allow access to a specified number of users at a time. There may be occasions when you will have to wait for access to that particular product.

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