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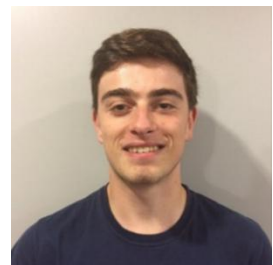
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The making of librarians

I have now reached the final stage of my MSc in Information and Library Science and am about to begin my dissertation! Juggling both work and study over the past two and a half years has been challenging but rewarding. Along the way, I have developed skills in critical research, literature searching, and project evaluation, and I have gained a deeper understanding of the social and professional contexts in which libraries operate.



Tom Rogers
Senior Library
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My dissertation will focus on exploring the perceived benefits and challenges of using AI for literature searches in NHS mental health libraries. This topic connects directly with the work librarians do every day. I plan to interview librarians across the country to learn how they are using generative AI tools. The main aim is to think more broadly about how such technology may reshape NHS library services. I hope to discover not only how librarians are currently engaging with AI, but also to reflect on how it may help (or hinder) our work in the years ahead.

Reaching this point feels both exciting and a little daunting! If this has piqued your interest, do keep an eye out for the completed piece next spring/summer!



Laura Nunzi
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While Tom is nearing the end of his University career, I'm excited to share that I've just begun my MSc in Information and Library Science, supported by NHS England. It's early days, but already I'm energised by the chance to deepen my understanding of the evolving role of libraries in healthcare settings.

Balancing study with full-time work and family life will no doubt be a challenge, but I'm looking forward to developing new skills in research, critical analysis, and service development that will enhance the work we do across NHS libraries.

Studying alongside colleagues like Tom who is further along in his academic journey is incredibly motivating—especially as we explore shared themes like the impact of AI on literature searching and resource provision. While AI is certainly part of the conversation, I'm equally interested in how a broader spectrum of digital innovations can complement the time-honoured principles of librarianship: critical thinking, ethical curation, and human connection.

I'm keen to explore how we can harness innovation without losing sight of the human-centred values that underpin our work. I hope to contribute meaningfully to that conversation as my studies progress. It's a privilege to be part of a profession that values lifelong learning and innovation and I'll be sharing reflections along the way!

BMJ Learning

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A promotional banner for BMJ Learning. The left side has a dark blue background with the text 'BMJ Learning' in white, followed by 'Improve knowledge, improve care' in a large white font, and 'Providing accredited, peer reviewed courses from leading experts' in a smaller white font. The right side features a photograph of four healthcare professionals in blue scrubs walking in a hospital corridor.

A more welcoming way upstairs

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a more inclusive and supportive library environment, we've refreshed the colour of the door leading upstairs to the Reading and Study Rooms.

During recent training on visual impairment, we learned how colour contrast plays a role in making spaces more accessible. This small but thoughtful change is part of a wider quality improvement effort to create a library experience that is welcoming, empowering, and easy to navigate for everyone.



We'd Love Your Feedback!

As highlighted in our July newsletter, we recently ran a 30-day trial of APA PsycTests to give our community a chance to explore its resources. The trial has now concluded, and we'd greatly appreciate your [feedback](#). Your insight will help us evaluate its value and guide future decisions.

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