

INTELLIGENCE INSIDER

Your Oxford Health Libraries monthly newsletter



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Hello, my name is Bertha A Calles Cartas

Spring is in the air! The territorial and amorous songs of the birds, the colours of the fields and the smell of the flowers provide everything to believe that the best is still to come.

However, as a society we are still trying to figure out how manage the soaring prices of fuel and food, the lingering effects of the pandemic, no sight of resolution of the war in Ukraine and the refugee crises around the world. The new plan to send and process refugees in Rwanda, might retraumatise British Citizens such as the Anglican [Bishop Guli, who settled in the UK as a refugee](#).



All these might make us feel as if we are entering a long cold winter. We can all feel overwhelmed by the large amount of information we have to constantly gather to cope with our daily choices and to have an appropriate political opinion about everything that is going on as it seems there is no way to escape these conversations.

On the one hand, fact checking mis/disinformation and conspiracy theories seems like an impossible task. On the other hand, relying only on news sources which amplify some narratives and forget others leads to bias as investigative journalist Palki Sharma Upadhyay explains the [information war](#).

Access to quality and balanced information is at the heart of librarianship. At Oxford Health libraries we support evidence-based information for our users via our [Knowledge and Library Hub](#). At the British Library there is a relevant exhibition called [Breaking the News](#), which: “can challenge and change the way you think about the news”.

As library professionals we are trained to identify high quality information. We apply these abilities when we decide which books to buy, which journals to subscribe to and how to make these accessible to our users. We are constantly evaluating information, changing and adapting to various interfaces and databases. We train library users, not only on creating literature search strategies, but also on using the ever changing landscape of interfaces. Which brings me to highlight that the last day of March, [the Healthcare Databases Advanced Search \(HDAS\) was closed](#). Instead of searching all the available databases in one interface, users now will find the databases at the bottom of the [Knowledge and Library Hub](#). In the previous issues of [Intelligence Insider](#), we provided some guidance. You can contact the library if you need some individual or group training, or just a chat about your search.

Changes can be an interesting challenge, and challenges always shed light on when and where we need support to succeed. The Oxford Health Library service is here to be part of your journey whatever is that: research, completing a course, patient care or maybe just looking for balanced sources of information on issues close to your or your patients' heart.

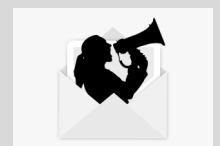
In this issue, **Helen Hinchcliffe** shares the latest sets of resources. **Julia Hallam**, shares her experience as part of a ward round team. A service interrupted for the last two years and **Katie Treherne**, brings forward one of our resources that you might not know that we also have.



Stress Awareness Month and New Titles available

Helen Hinchcliffe
Library Assistant

April is Stress Awareness Month and OHFT Libraries have compiled a resource list which includes titles available in Oxford Health Libraries and other libraries within the SWIMS network, as well as links to useful websites. You can access the resource list [here](#).



We have also produced a list of the new print and electronic titles available in Oxford Health Libraries, and you can access this list [here](#).



The outreach library service at Ward Rounds

Julia Hallam
Outreach Librarian

This month, I was delighted to be invited back to attend the Highfield Adolescent Unit Ward Round in person, after a 2-year break. It was fantastic to work with the multidisciplinary team to understand the needs and issues surrounding the patients in the unit. It was really rewarding to search for evidence for the team that I knew was directly supporting the team's decision making when caring for these patients.

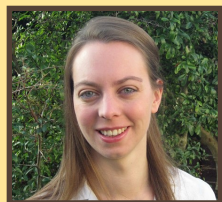
The Outreach Librarians at Oxford Health Libraries have continued to conduct outreach and training to teams throughout the pandemic, sometimes in person, but also through MS Teams. We have attended many team meetings to discuss how we can provide bespoke evidence support to individual teams. The Outreach Librarian role is really fulfilling as we know that the evidence we find and the information skills training we provide helps clinicians to care for their patients, make service changes and helps all staff with their continuing professional development.

However, attending these Ward Rounds in person feels particularly rewarding as we hear the background of each patient and know that we have helped to support their care. We would be delighted to attend other Ward Round and Team Meetings within the Trust. If you would be interested in us attending (either in person, or via MS Teams), please do get in contact with us:

library.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk



<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/health-informatics/roles-health-informatics/knowledge-and-library-services>



Movie Night!

Katie Treherne
Outreach Librarian



We support a number of services at Oxford Health Libraries which can be used by activity co-ordinators and OTs to support patients, from the board games and World Book Night which we talked about in the last issue of the Newsletter, to Reminiscence Collections and books for the reading groups at Cotswold House and the Recovery College. Here is one which has been used on the wards but can also be used by staff: our DVD collection! It's a small but eclectic mix of titles (donations welcome) which you are welcome to borrow. We have some newer titles but also some older ones, so if you're nostalgic for films you used to watch as a child do get in touch and see what we've got. We'd love to see this collection used to support your wellbeing in a small way, for those times you want to switch off but don't want to pick up a book.

You can find our list of titles [here](#)

If you would like to borrow any items, please contact us at library.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk,



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