

INTELLIGENCE INSIDER

Your Oxford Health Libraries' monthly newsletter



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Here we are !

April means two things, the first Spring is here! The second is that I have finished the first year of my part-time Master's degree at Robert Gordon University, which has just wrapped up until the Autumn. A significant portion of my coursework this year focused on the role of technology in libraries, especially how healthcare librarians can leverage AI.



Tom Rogers

Senior Assistant Librarian

[I discussed practical ways to introduce AI tools to staff, aiming to improve information management and patient care.](#) My exploration of this topic aimed to highlight strategies that libraries and librarians can employ to help healthcare staff navigate the world of Artificial Intelligence.

I have also developed core librarianship skills such as indexing, cataloguing, and classifying materials.

The technical aspects of the course equip me with the knowledge of keeping library resources organised and accessible, a great benefit when dealing with so many requests!

Another interesting area of my studies involved weighing up the digitisation process. I looked at the benefits and challenges of converting our historical and archival physical material into digital formats, a potential project for the future that could both preserve and increase the accessibility of these resources.

After juggling these modules with full-time work, I am glad of the summer break! The time has certainly gone quickly, but I've gained a lot of knowledge and am looking forward to continuing come September.



New resources available from Oxford Health Libraries

Helen Hinchcliffe

Assistant Librarian

OUP Specialist Handbooks

All Oxford Specialist Handbooks are now available electronically as part of the NHS-OUP National Collection, available to all NHS staff and students and funded by NHS England.

You can access them via the NHS Knowledge and Library Hub [here](#) or via the library catalogue at: www.swims.nhs.uk.



Health Business Elite

Access to Health Business Elite has recently been purchased by Oxford Health Libraries, for all Oxford Health staff and students to access.

Health Business Elite provides comprehensive coverage detailing all aspects of health care administration and non-clinical aspects of healthcare management. It also provides access to more than 550 full-text journals, including Harvard Business Review. You can search for articles / journals from Health Business Elite via the NHS Knowledge and Library Hub [here](#).

Click on the yellow banner at the top of the screen to log in with your OpenAthens credentials.

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A day in the Life of an Outreach Librarian

I am based at Littlemore Library and work there on Monday afternoon, Tuesdays and Thursdays. First things first I do the normal library routines: check the returns box, check the mail for requests and check the library post box. I am there to help with finding books, requests for help on the electronic resources and [literature searches](#) etc.

Five people in the library at Littlemore and it is full! It's a very small space but the information heart of Littlemore.

This Tuesday, I delivered a [Health Literacy Training Session](#) to a lovely mix of eight engaging nurses and Allied health professionals on Ruth Gilmour's Bridging Programme. This lasted an hour and fortunately the library was quiet as it was an interactive session. I particularly enjoy this session as it is all about effective communication and it is very positive as it reinforces what you all already do in practice – go the extra mile to support your patients.

I then had to locate and post books out for our sister libraries at Warneford and Whiteleaf Library in Aylesbury and one to a Doctor's home address. Oxford Health Libraries are one of the few libraries that post books direct to people's homes to save them the time and inconvenience of travelling to their nearest health library.

Tuesday lunchtimes at 12 noon is the Littlemore half hour Wellbeing Walk where I joined the lovely Emily and some of the Nursing Directorate for a walk to the Thames at the Littlemore Meadow. We walked in sunshine and the blossom on the trees was simply stunning! A real breath of fresh air.

Back to work and hosting an online Journals Club for our Community Physiotherapists. There were nine participants from across Oxfordshire. I found a newly published article using the NHS Knowledge and Library HUB "Remotely delivered physiotherapy is as effective as face-to-face physiotherapy for musculoskeletal conditions (REFORM): a randomised trial by Hannah Withers et al., *Journal of Physiotherapy*. April 2024, 70 (2):124-133 (You can obtain this paper on the Knowledge and Library Hub).

The controversial title made for a great discussion and the article was well received. It also allowed me to discuss the benefits of Open Access Publishing.

The Knowledge and Library HUB is available in all Oxford Health Libraries on the dedicated library kiosks and is freely available to all NHS staff at: [NHS Knowledge and Library Hub](#) .

My best day is one where the library is busy and I am fully engaged delivering training and empowering practitioners to use information to support their practice and patients.



Fiona Sutherland
Outreach Librarian

Primary Care and Community Care staff latest news




Kate Jones
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Every Thursday I will be running a **regular weekly drop in session** 12.30 – 1.30pm where you can pop in on Teams to discuss any Library/training/OpenAthens issues. Perhaps I can help you get more out of your OpenAthens account. Let me know if you would prefer to be sent a personal invitation so it can be added to your calendar at Kate.Jones@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk



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