

The Children's Mercy Hospital Library Services

Nursing Student Policies

Locations

The Health Sciences Library is located on the ground floor of the West Tower, down the hall from the Orange Tiger Elevator. The Kreamer Family Resource Center is located on the ground floor of the Sutherland Tower, halfway down the hall to the Cafeteria/Castle Elevators. The Virtual Library, a collection of electronic books, journals, databases, and reference works, is accessible from the Hospital's intranet (Scope home page).

Hours of Operation

The Health Sciences Library is open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. The Kreamer Family Resource Center is open 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Policies and Procedures

Students may use the libraries during regular hours of operation.

Reference assistance and some instruction in library skills are available from the library staff. It is the Hospital's expectation that students have received a basic introduction to libraries and to nursing literature prior to their rotation at CMHC.

A photocopier is available for use by library visitors.

Nursing students may not check out library materials. Health Sciences Library materials may be checked out to CMHC staff only; Kreamer Family Resource Center materials may be checked out to CMHC staff and to families of patients at CMHC.

Nursing students may use the interlibrary loan service of their own school library to borrow materials from the libraries at Children's Mercy.

The library staff can help nursing students locate books and journals which are not in the CMHC collections, but cannot provide interlibrary loan services to nursing students. Students may use the interlibrary loan services of their own school library to arrange such loans.

Resources

Books and Journals:

The CMHC libraries collect materials on diseases, injuries, disabilities and health care of children from birth through adolescence.

The Health Sciences Library collects professional medical and nursing materials. The nursing materials focus on the nursing care of children, nursing research and nursing ethics. Additional non-print resources are available.

The Kreamer Family Resource Center collects consumer health materials for children and their caregivers, in a variety of reading levels and formats. Additional non-print resources are available.

The Virtual Library includes drug and toxicology resources, pediatric medical textbooks, databases, and online (mostly pediatric) journals.

Catalog & Holdings List

To locate a specific book in the Health Sciences Library or Kreamer Family Resource Center, one must ask the staff for assistance. The list of Health Sciences Library journal holdings (print and electronic) can be found in a notebook on the library front counter or on the Health Sciences Library intranet (Scope) departmental page.

Computers

There are two computers available for visitors to the Health Sciences Library.

There are four computers available for visitors to the Kreamer Family Resource Center; patients and their families will have priority access.

The Hospital's intranet (Scope) and the Virtual Library can be accessed on these computers.

Indexes

The Virtual Library on the Hospital's intranet includes indexes to journal articles in medicine, nursing, allied health, and psychology. Look for these in "CMHC Ovid" or "CMHC Pubmed." Some print indexes for older journals remain available in the Health Sciences Library. The library staff can access some additional databases.

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