Research Tips

Identify Your Topic—Browse

- Current or back issues of nursing journals
- Your textbook

From the Library Resources page of the SON website:
http://www.grahamschoolofnursing.org/Library/resources.html

- **Resource Sharing Alliance (RSA)—**
  http://rsacat.alsrsa.org/
  This resource allows you to find **books and AV materials** in the GHSON collection as well as almost 200 other libraries in our region. The barcode is the strip of numbers on the back of your library card and the password is the last 4 digits of that barcode unless you have changed the password yourself.

- **OCLC FirstSearch—**
  http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org/
  This resource includes Worldcat, a database for finding **books and AV materials** worldwide. The ArticleFirst database indexes **contents pages of journals** and WilsonSelectPlus includes **full text articles** in science, humanities, education and business. Green text signifies that the item is owned by GHSON. All others can be borrowed through Interlibrary Loan. Authorization: 100-107-930
  Password: bag!agxng
- **OSF Resources—**
  http://lilbrary.osfhealthcare.org/
  This is the site for the St. Francis Medical Center Library and Resource Center, which we have access to as an affiliate of OSF. It includes numerous electronic resources including **databases, evidence-based support, electronic books and indices, full text journals, tutorials** and more.
  Username: LIB-first initial, last name (example: LIB-DRichardson)
  Password: This was originally sent to you by email and then had to be updated to your own unique password of 8 characters including numbers and letters. If you don't have yours contact Tom Dennis at 655-3505 or Thomas.A.Dennis@osfhealthcare.org

- **CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)** can be accessed through OSF for **journal articles.**
  -- Log into OSF and click on CINAHL Plus with full text.
  --Click on CINAHL Headings
  --Type in your topic and click Browse.
  --Browse the terms listed for further topic ideas and the determine correct terminology.
  --Check the desired term(s) and Explode, if available.
  --Click on Search Database. The results from this search will be the largest number possible, so if there are minimal results, rethink your topic or terminology.
  --Limiting Your Search will narrow your results. For more limitations, click on Search Options. It can be helpful when First limiting to introduce one new limit each search so you can see the progression. This takes more time, but is effective. More than one category may be selected when multiples are offered by holding down the control key while clicking on each different one.
    --Limit by publication date easily by sliding the bar.
    --Unless you are bilingual, limit by English language.
    --Limit by Full Text.
    --Limit by Journal Subset: Nursing.
    --Clinical Queries and Publication Type are helpful when evidence based research is needed.
    --Limit by Gender and/or Age Groups, if applicable.

Web Resources—Includes many helpful internet **links** to health related topics.

There are a number of printed and electronic **Guides and Tutorials** to help you with your research available outside the library's computer lab door or at the GHSON website.

For Help
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