Off Campus Library Services

Your virtual library
OCLS Tutorials

• You will be viewing the following PowerPoints as a part of your introduction:
  - Off Campus Library Services: Your Virtual Library
  - OCLS: Finding Books in the Library Catalog
  - CINAHL Part One
  - CINAHL Part Two
  - Other Nursing Databases: Part 1
  - Other Nursing Databases: Part 2
Off Campus Library Services in Marion, IN

- Indiana Wesleyan University strives to provide you with quality library services even though you may never enter the doors of the physical library.

Jackson Library, opened January 2003
Getting your degree in nursing motivates you to:

- Review pertinent literature in the nursing discipline.
- Know how to find and identify quality information in your discipline.
- Understand the navigation of library databases to find quality information.
- Know how to distinguish between objective and subjective information.
- Understand what you are able to do yourself in research and when it is appropriate to enlist the help of qualified librarians to assist you.
What OCLS is for your program

- Access to databases with thousands of articles, books, and material for research in the nursing discipline.
- Access to professional librarians who can guide you to finding the right material for your specific research.
- Access to services that can expedite your information seeking needs.
OCLS Services Include

- Access to online subscription databases via your MyIWU credentials or the 14-digit library access #.
  - Sent to your MYEMAIL account
  - If not found, then contact OCLS (http://www.indwes.edu/ocls/oclsform.html)

- Reference assistance

- Document delivery of full text (books and/or articles)
OCLS Services Include

- Interlibrary loan (if Jackson Library doesn’t have it, then OCLS can obtain from other libraries)
- Custom reference via research guides. ("Guides" you to get to your specific information.)
- Consultation (not paper editing) on APA writing style.
OCLS Home Page Links

- Article Databases - Discipline specific article databases.
- Books - Access many library catalogs, especially IWU’s.
- Websites - Discipline specific links to appropriate web sites for college work.
- OCLS Tools - Regenerate your LAN, and more... includes a Nursing Resources page.
- Help - Some of the most accessed university sites, e.g. MyIWU.
- Key Links - Journal search engine, APA helps, online email request form, etc.
Tasks to get ready for library research

- Make sure you have Adobe Acrobat Reader on the computer you will be using.
  - Free download available: http://get.adobe.com/reader/
Understanding Boolean Searching

- Boolean is a principle for finding specific information in an online database, especially journal articles.
- Comes from algebra
- Allows combination of terms
- Uses operators (and, or, not) to get desired results.
- Venn diagrams provide visualization of what the computer does behind the “scenes.”
Most commonly used operators with Boolean Searching

AND Operator

Aged
Case management

Only the overlapped area is in the result set.

OR Operator

Case Management
Patient care

All of both circles are available for the result set.

A search in CINALH, of these 2 examples, as subjects gives these results:

- Case management and aged = +1,300 articles
- Patient care or Case management = +33,000 articles!
Most commonly used operators with Boolean Searching

Search using **AND**

- **SU case management**
- AND **SU aged**

Search using **OR**

- **SU patient care**
- OR **SU case management**

1,379 Results for...
Boolean/Phrase:
**SU case management AND SU aged**

33,076 Results for...
Boolean/Phrase:
**SU patient care OR SU case management**
Other helpful links for understanding Boolean searching:

- [http://www.internettutorials.net/boolean.asp](http://www.internettutorials.net/boolean.asp)
- [http://www.lib.lsu.edu/ref/flash/Boolean.html](http://www.lib.lsu.edu/ref/flash/Boolean.html) (use your sound)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tm-sDKCnO4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tm-sDKCnO4) (enjoy the New Zealand accent)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vube-ZcJFk4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vube-ZcJFk4)
OCLS is:

- Your virtual library away from campus.
- Access to books
- Access to indexes that lead to articles
- Access to full text articles
- Access to real librarians who are experienced in working with adults and online students.