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# Library News

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## Library Hours:

### Monday-Friday:

9:00am-  
10:00pm

### Librarian's hours:

### Tues. & Wed.:

9:00am-2:00pm

### Thursday:

1:00pm-6:00pm

In order to help students when I am not in the library, there will be a form available for students to request information and/or to ask questions. I will respond to requests the next time I am in the library. You can also email at any time at:

mbyrne@nwsc.edu

## NWSC Online Catalog

Welcome to the NWSC Library! The online catalog of our book collection will soon be available using the [Library page](#) on the school web site. To access the catalog, simply click on the "NWSC Online Library Catalog" link. Keep in mind that the catalog is not complete and there are still several items to be added. You are able to search our catalog as you would any library

catalog. You can use words from the author's name, the title, subject, or any combination of



these. The call number will provide the shelf location of the book in the library and the in/out status of the item will also be given.

Just remember that if you do not find what you are looking for, this does not mean the library does not contain the item. There remains several books to be cataloged, and the catalog is not yet complete.

## Interlibrary Loan Services

NWSC library is a member of several cooperative library systems, including the Illinois Library Association as well as RAILS, the Reaching Across Illinois Library System. As an Illinois state library, all faculty, students, and

staff have interlibrary loan privileges which enable us to borrow any item from any other participating library in the state. This includes academic and special as well as public libraries. You are also able to request copies of journal articles as well as books



using this service. If you need materials that cannot be found at our library, please do not hesitate to ask for an Interlibrary Loan request. Items are delivered to our library and picked up for return from our library, so the service is very convenient. And, the service is entirely free.



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## Helpful Online Resources

From past experience working with students, I know that when students need to find information for an assignment, they frequently “Google” the topic and/or consult *Wikipedia*. Studies have shown that nearly one fifth of all Google searches are by persons seeking medical information. As a professional working in the health field, you need to learn to rely upon reputable sources for accurate information.

One of the most trusted and useful

sources you can use is the MedlinePlus site, sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health. The site can be found at: <https://medlineplus.gov/>. The site includes a medical encyclopedia, as well as articles on health and wellness topics. You can also find videos, tutorials, and a separate section on drugs and supplements at this site. There is also a link to medical organizations and directories. Information is provided in many

languages. The important point to remember is that information on this site is unbiased and written by experts in their respective fields. The articles are not sponsored by drug or other commercial companies, which is the case with sites such as Web MD. There are no advertisements included on the MedlinePlus site. Both as a professional and as a consumer, [MedlinePlus.gov](https://medlineplus.gov/) is a source you should get in the habit of using. Remember this site for your next assignment!

## Evaluating Online Information

The following sites, again from the National Library of Medicine, provide excellent tutorials and lessons on evaluating health information found on the Internet: Simply press the control key while

clicking on the links below, in order to access these sites:

[Evaluating Internet Health Information](#)  
[Medline Plus Guide to Healthy Web Surfing](#)  
[Evaluating Health Information](#)

Another useful site is from the [Health on the Net organization](#). This European organization has developed a standard for evaluating health information sites and allows the searcher to filter results to obtain reliable information.