Introduction to Library Resources for MPH Students
Introduction to Library Resources for MPH Students

Contents

Contents ........................................................................................................3
About this resource guide ..............................................................................3
Your librarians................................................................................................4
Overview of Johns Hopkins Library System...................................................5
Finding course readings: e-Reserves ............................................................5
Finding and managing electronic resources: practice exercise...............9
Inter-library loan: Weldoc.............................................................................19
Checking out circulating materials: ..............................................................20
Checking out circulating materials: finding and requesting materials........20
Renewing circulating materials ....................................................................22

About this resource guide

The purpose of this guide is to orient you to the library resources that are
typically of interest to part-time/internet MPH students. This is not intended to be
a comprehensive review of the vast library resources that are at the disposal of
Johns Hopkins students. You are encouraged to take an interactive approach to
this material, exploring the library websites and materials in greater detail and
book marking key resources for future reference. Some topics are presented as
practical exercises to help familiarize you with library tools. In other cases, short
exercises are added at the bottom of the topic.

Many of the electronic resources require a JHED affiliation or library card, and
are thus available only to students who have matriculated or are registered for
courses. If you have not yet matriculated or registered, you can still do the
exercises marked with an asterisk.

Should you have questions that are not answered here or in the linked web
resources, we urge you to contact your librarians.
Your librarians

Your most important library resources are your librarians, who make all of the other resources possible.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Donna Hesson, MLS</th>
<th>Lori Rosman, MLS</th>
<th>Claire Twose, MLIS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Public Health Librarian/Manager</td>
<td>Health Sciences Librarian</td>
<td>Associate Director, Public Health and Basic Science Liaison Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lilienfeld Library <a href="mailto:dhesson@jhmi.edu">dhesson@jhmi.edu</a> 410-955-3028 410-955-0200 fax</td>
<td>Welch Medical Library Welch Office 213 <a href="mailto:lrosman@jhmi.edu">lrosman@jhmi.edu</a> 410-614-1286</td>
<td>Welch Medical Library <a href="mailto:ctwose1@jhmi.edu">ctwose1@jhmi.edu</a> 410-502-0490</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liaison Departments: Health, Behavior &amp; Society Distance Education Epidemiology Faculty Senate Health Policy &amp; Management International Health</td>
<td>Liaison Departments: Biostatistics Distance Education Environmental Health Sciences Mental Hygiene Population &amp; Family Health Sciences Preventive Medicine Residents (BSPH)</td>
<td>Liaison Departments: International Health Health Policy &amp; Management Population &amp; Family Health Sciences</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Click on the librarians’ names in the above table, and read the profiles on their web pages.*
Overview of Johns Hopkins Library System

The Johns Hopkins library system is comprised of several collections that are interconnected by a single catalog and circulation system. Collections include the Welch Medical Library (Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions), The Eisenhower Library (Johns Hopkins University), The Mason Library (Nitze School of Advanced International Studies), and the Friedheim Library (Peabody Conservatory). Library resources specific to public health are centered in the Welch collection and located at the Lilienfeld Library. As a Johns Hopkins student, you have access to all of the collections and locations.

Finding course readings: e-Reserves

If your course instructor has assigned reserved readings, you can find these at e-reserves http://eres.welch.jhmi.edu/eres/courseindex.aspx?page=search. You can search for your course readings by course number, instructor, or department. Often you will need a password from your instructor in order to access the reserve materials, and you will always need to accept a copyright agreement.

e-reserves exercise:

- *Go to http://eres.welch.jhmi.edu/eres/courseindex.aspx?page=search and search to see if there currently are reserves for a course containing the number 550.608.
- *If you have been provided with a course reserves page password, please access the reserves.
Public Health Resources Page

A great starting point for finding library resources is the Public Health subject guide http://www.welch.jhu.edu/internet/publichealth.html. From this site, you can navigate to most of the resources that you will need as an MPH student. This page links to the contact info for your librarians and the source sites for public health data and literature. In the upper right-hand corner is a drop-down list of “Quick Links” to some key tools for library research.

- Go to http://www.welch.jhu.edu/internet/publichealth.html.
- Bookmark the page in your web browser.
- Click on the various headings (“Local Statistics,” “Key Databases,” etc.) and get an overview of what resources are available.

Many electronic resources require a proxy to access from home via MyWelch.

Remote access to electronic resources: Setting up MyWelch

- *Choose “Johns Hopkins Login” (If you do not have a JHED LID, you may log in as a guest instead).
- Enter your JHED LID and password and click on “login.”
- Follow prompts to customize your MyWelch page.
- For more information on MyWelch features and customizing your portal, you may want to do the MyWelch tutorial.
Finding and managing electronic resources from home

Imagine that you are about to write a brief piece about the State Health Care Insurance Program (SCHIP). To document your article, you would like to reference government documentation of the program, academic articles from health experts, editorial coverage from news publications, and basic statistics on uninsured children in the US. The exercise below will involve both finding the sources for this hypothetical article and setting up some of your library research tools.

We will use MyWelch to help us organize our research tools and compile our sources for the SCHIP article. If you are not still there from the previous exercise, please return to https://mywelch.welch.jhmi.edu/login/index.cfm and log in.

For our hypothetical SCHIP article, we are going to need to use different tools to research our various sources. PubMed is a great source for academic articles, and we can find our government documents in the JHU Libraries catalog. Both of those electronic sources are already linked to the MyWelch homepage. We still need to find resources for researching our statistics and news sources. Let’s see what the Johns Hopkins Libraries have to offer, and then link our selections to the MyWelch page.

- Click on the “Customize your listing” link under “My Bookmarks.”
- Click on the “Select based on your subject interests” link.
- Select the “Possible areas of interest,” and move them to the “Selected areas of interest” field by clicking on the arrow. For the SCHIP research, let’s select “Public Health” and “Public Health Practice” areas, with “Research” and “Education” checked at the top. Then click continue to get the list of available resources.
- For purposes of this exercise, we’ll select LexisNexis Academic (for our news article research) and NCHS-National Center for Health Statistics (for our statistical data). While you’re at it, you may want to also check off other resources that you may be of interest in the future. Then scroll to the bottom of the list and click “add.” Then click “add” again on the next page. You should now have the bookmarks showing on your MyWelch page, and have content added to your “My Interests” window.
- You can bookmark any web page to your MyWelch page by clicking the “add” link on the left side of the Bookmarks page and pasting the url into the appropriate field.
Now we have our tools at hand for the research. We will start by searching for our government document in the library catalog.

- Return to your MyWelch home page (“home” tab near top of page).
- Click on “JHU Libraries Catalog,” which is listed under “My Services.”
- Select “Basic Keyword Search,” type “sCHIP” in the “General Keyword” field, and click “Go.”
- Click on the title of the first citation.
- Click on the URL in the citation.
- If you were really writing the SCHIP article, you may want to save the document to your computer, print it, or bookmark it to your MyWelch page.
Introduction to Library Resources for MPH Students
Next we'll go after our statistics, in the statistical database that we’ve linked to our home page.

- Return to your MyWelch home page.
- Click on the NCHS link that you’ve bookmarked there.
- On the NCHS page, click on the “Health Insurance” link.
- If we were really writing our SCHIP article, we might use the “Children Under 18” stats for background data on uninsured children in the US.
Next we will search LexisNexis for news articles on our topic.

- Click on the LexisNexis link that you have added to your MyWelch bookmarks.
- Enter “schip” as the search term and click on the “search” button.
- Click on article headings in the search results to open news articles.
- If we were really writing the SCHIP article, we might bookmark selected articles in our MyWelch page, print them, or save them to our computer.
Finally, we will search PubMed for our academic articles. Access to the full text of articles varies, as shown in the three examples below. Some articles and/or journals may be unavailable at JHU, in which case you may need to use the "Weldoc" inter-library loan system (see page 21).

Click on the "search PubMed" tab near the top of the page.

- In the search field, type "schip" and then click "go."
- In the search results, click on the citation heading for the article by Sommers, Dubay, et al.
- Click on the publisher's “Full Text Health Aff.” icon to view the article.
- Return to the search results.
- Click on the citation heading for the article by Lubell.
- Click on the “JHU Full Text” icon.
- In the EBSCO Host page, click on “HTML Full Text” (above the citation) to view the article.
- Return to the search results.
- Click on the citation heading for the article by Adekoya.
- Click on the journal title and select “Journals” from the drop-down list.
- Click on the NLM number for the journal (in this case, third item in list).
- Click on the URL in the journal citation.
- Find the issue that contains the article.
- Open the article
- If we were really writing our SCHIP article, we might bookmark each of these articles in our MyWelch site, perhaps creating a folder there in which to organize our sources.
Introduction to Library Resources for MPH Students
Introduction to Library Resources for MPH Students

[Image of a webpage showing library resources and a screenshot of PubMed database]

- **PubMed**: A database of biomedical literature developed by the National Library of Medicine (NLM). It provides access to a wide range of biomedical literature, including journal articles, books, and government publications.

- **NCBI**: The National Center for Biotechnology Information offers tools and resources for understanding and using biological data.

- **Online Resources**: Various online databases and tools are available for research, such as JSTOR, ProQuest, and springerlink.

- **Interlibrary Loan**: A service that allows users to request books and articles from other libraries.

**Tips for Using Library Resources**

- **Search Strategy**: Use specific keywords and phrases to find relevant information.
- **Filtering Results**: Use filters to narrow down search results to meet specific criteria.
- **Citation Management**: Use tools like Zotero or EndNote to manage and cite sources.

**Resources for MPH Students**

- **Library Guides**: Many libraries offer guides tailored to specific fields, such as public health.
- **Workshops**: Library workshops can help improve research skills.
- **Consultation**: Librarians can provide personalized assistance.

**Contact Information**

- **Library Services**: For assistance, contact the library service representative.
- **Academic Support**: For academic support, contact the academic support department.

**Library Hours**

- Monday to Friday: 9 AM to 5 PM
- Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM

**Online Access**

- Access to library resources is available online 24/7.

**Visit the Library**

For more information or to visit the library, please contact the library service representative.
Introduction to Library Resources for MPH Students
Inter-library loan: Weldoc

Items not held by JHU libraries may be accessed through the Weldoc inter-library loan system. Weldoc can be accessed from the drop-down menu on the Public Health Resources page and from MyWelch. Loaned articles can often be delivered electronically in the form of a .PDF document. Should you fail to secure an item through the JHU Catalog, article databases, or Weldoc...do not give up! Please contact your librarian for assistance in finding it.

Inter-library loan exercise

- *Go to [http://www.welch.jhu.edu/internet/publichealth.html](http://www.welch.jhu.edu/internet/publichealth.html). You may want to use the bookmark from the resource page exercise.
- *In the “Quick Links” menu, select “Weldoc.”
- *Click on the link where it says “If you are a first time user, click here.”
- *Read the user terms and FAQ.
- *Click on the “First Time Users Click Here” button.
- If you have a Welch library card, you can complete the form to register for the system.
**Introduction to Library Resources for MPH Students**

**Checking out circulating materials:**

Students with a Welch library card or J-card may check materials out from any Johns Hopkins library location. MPH students are typically issued a library card at orientation.

The Lilienfeld Library (9th floor of Hampton House) is specifically geared to ward Public Health research. Many MPH students will also find the Welch Medical Library and Montgomery County Campus Library to be helpful. Links to information on the library locations can be found below:

*Explore the links below to find information about the various collections and locations:

- Lilienfeld Library:  
  [http://www.welch.jhu.edu/about/lil.html](http://www.welch.jhu.edu/about/lil.html)

- Welch Library:  
  [http://www.welch.jhu.edu/index.cfm](http://www.welch.jhu.edu/index.cfm)

- Montgomery County Campus Library  

- Listing of all Johns Hopkins Libraries:  
  [http://webapps.jhu.edu/jhuniverse/libraries/](http://webapps.jhu.edu/jhuniverse/libraries/)

**Checking out circulating materials: finding and requesting materials**

When searching via the JHU Libraries Catalog [https://catalog.library.jhu.edu](https://catalog.library.jhu.edu) (keyword search recommended), each citation has a “Request” button that will allow you to hold the item at the library of your choice. The library sends email notification when your items arrive at the circulation desk of the Johns Hopkins library of your choice. You can also recall checked out materials in this manner.
Renewing circulating materials

To renew items:
- Click on the “My Account” tab in the JHU Libraries Catalog
  https://catalog.library.jhu.edu
- Log in to system (need library card)
- Click on “Items Out”
- Click on “Renew All”