Users of the Health Sciences Library

The Health Sciences Library provides current information for all Fairview Health Services employees and medical staff. The library is open as well to patients and their families.

Our librarians have thorough knowledge of all resources related to health care and biomedical research and will be happy to assist you in your search.

The library has its own book and journal collection. In addition, Southdale shares materials with University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, and Fairview Ridges Hospital libraries. You will have access to hundreds of journal titles and several thousand books.

Services

Health information

We can usually find the information you need by tapping a multitude of texts, directories, handbooks and other materials as well as online databases and reliable Internet sources. And if we can’t help you, usually we can direct you to someone who can.

Literature searches

If you need information on a topic or author and are not sure of the exact references, we can perform a literature search. We offer access to databases such as Cinahl (nursing) or MEDLINE (medical).

Topical searches

If you have an ongoing interest in a specific area, we can do quarterly searches to let you know what is currently being published.

Interlibrary loans

The library can also obtain materials through interlibrary loans. If we cannot fulfill your request here, we will network with local hospital libraries or state, regional and national resources.

Search support and training

Having trouble searching Ovid or other databases? Call our librarian for assistance. Or call us to set up individual or group instruction that fits your schedule.

The library online

To view the library’s online services and resources, go to the Fairview intranet home page and click on Literature Resources. Library information and services are listed to the left.

Staff will be able to access many resources directly from their desktops. Patients or family members can access the online resources from the library’s computers.

The Web page contains links to the following:

- Online catalog for all Fairview libraries.
  You can obtain materials from any location by calling your hospital library.
- Request forms for materials and literature searches.
- Locations, hours and contact information for all Fairview libraries (under Library Services home page).
- Literature resources, which include:
  - Ovid MEDLINE and Cinahl (includes 800 full-text journals)
  - Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database (evidence-based information on natural medicines)
  - eMedicine (clinical knowledge base with over 7000 topics)
  - UpToDate (medical topic review)
  - Books@Ovid (includes 166 full-text medical, nursing and pharmacy books)
  - Academic Search Premier (scholarly journals including nursing, health business, education)
  - Cochrane Library (evidence-based medicine)
  - Mosby’s Nursing Consult (nursing resource)