

Guide to...

Midwifery Resources

1. Quick Search

Quick Search enables searching a wide variety of resources, such as books, e-books, journal articles and newspapers.

It is advisable to log in with your University Login before conducting a search, as this will allow easy access to all materials being searched. The Log in to the Library can be found on the right of the page.

To use the search, type in the subject or title of the material you are looking for. You can also select which materials you wish to search for by clicking on the tick boxes next to each option. Selecting 'Journal articles, research papers' will add journal articles in a separate tab in the results field.

For example, if you wish to find a copy of 'The Good Study Guide by Andrew Northedge', type the title of the book into the search box and click on 'Go'.

The results page will show all items relating to the search. The Books, etc. tab will list all the books relating to the subject.

Click on the title of the book to find out more details about it. Such as, where it can be found on the shelves, at which sites and how many copies are currently in stock. You can also reserve items currently on loan from this screen as well.

Electronic copies of books (e-books) can also be accessed from the Quick Search screen as well. The Library has an increasing number of books available in this format.

To narrow down your search to e-books only, select e-books from the Limit To option. It is advisable to log in before accessing e-books as this will make the process run a lot more smoothly.

2. Advanced Search

Advanced Search enables searching of more subject orientated materials, such as journal articles, subject databases and other useful subject resources as noted in this guide.

To access Advanced Search, click on the Advanced Search Tab, in the centre of the screen and then select 'Health' from the Choose Subject box.

Once at the main subject page for Health, you can select 'Midwifery and Newborns' from the sub-categories list situated on the left of the page.

3. Reference and Statistics

Policy Documents, Speeches and Reports

Government policy documents published in the last 10 years are likely to be available online from Departmental websites. These can be tracked down via Google: www.google.co.uk/, select 'Pages from the UK' and give the name of the Government Department to find the document.

Older documents may be held in the Library. Check the Library catalogue for details.

Statistics

Statistical data can be found online at the National Statistics website: www.statistics.gov.uk. Government statistics for health are also available from the Department of Health website:

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Statistics/index.htm

4. Journals

Journals provide up to date information on developments and research in Midwifery. The University Library holds a wide selection of journals in paper and electronic formats. There are four main types of journals, meeting different needs:

Scholarship and Research:

Academically highly rated and challenging. They represent the 'cutting edge' of research and thinking in their respective fields. Usually articles are 'peer-reviewed' or 'refereed' (meaning that experts have scrutinised the articles before publication).

Examples: *British Journal of Midwifery*, *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (BJOG)*, *MIDIRS Digest*

Practice:

Journals that provide advice on professional practice. Not held in as high regard, academically as Scholarship and Research Journals but may have the same standards of writing quality and are held in high regard by practitioners.

Examples: *RCM Midwives*, *Practicing Midwifery*

Special Interest:

Journals that cover a specific topic in Midwifery. Held in high regard for gathering research in their area and or putting ideas into practice. Also useful in raising awareness of that specific area in the political/public arenas.

Example: *Journal of Human Lactation*, *Infant*

Current Awareness:

Journals published on a weekly/monthly basis, providing investigations, information and comment on current issues.

Example: *Nursing Times*

Journals can be found either by using Advanced Search or by selecting Journal Finder from the menu.

If the article you are looking for is not held either electronically or in paper, a copy can be obtained from the British Library as an Inter Library Loan for a fee of £2.

5. Databases

Accessible via Advanced Search, selected databases index the contents of journal articles, conference reports and government papers on the subject of Midwifery. Select 'Health' from the drop down subject menu and select 'Midwifery and Newborns' from the sub-categories menu on the left of the screen.

Main Databases:

Midwifery and Infant Care

Contains over 120,000 articles from 550 English Language journals, books and grey literature covering all aspects of midwifery, pregnancy, labour, birth, care of the mother and child throughout the first year of the infant's life. It is also the only Midwifery-centric database available at present.

CINHAL Plus with Full Text

Full text coverage Midwifery as well as Nursing and other related disciplines. Covers over 20 years worth of information as well as a wide range of journals.

BNI (British Nursing Index)

Extensive and up-to-date database for Midwifery and Nursing with a strong UK information base.

6. Research

Resources include:

Index to Theses (UK)

Intute for Midwifery: www.vtstutorials.co.uk/tutorial/midwifery for locating sources of Midwifery research.

See also the Library Web pages on research at:

<http://libweb.anglia.ac.uk/others/research/research2.htm>

Google Scholar covers peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts, and other scholarly literature from all broad areas of research. The University Library has now registered its holdings with Google so, after logging in its electronic collections can be accessed directly via the Google Scholar interface. This can be accessed by selecting Database Finder under the Advanced Search tab and typing Google Scholar into the Search box.

It is now possible to search Google Scholar and link directly to the full text of journal articles where they are available at Anglia Ruskin.

Additional information is available on our website at:

<http://libweb.anglia.ac.uk/scholar.htm>

7. Other Libraries

Other libraries may offer access to their collections, provided that certain criteria are met. Check the University Library Website at www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/helpdesk/others.htm for more information.

8. Help

This guide provides an introduction to searching for information about Midwifery using your University Library services.

If you need more help with your research please ask at the Enquiry Desk at your site Library or use our 'Ask Us' service: www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk/helpdesk/enquiry.htm

If your enquiry is lengthy, you can make an appointment with a member of your subject team. We can also offer seminars and workshops for small groups, please contact:

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