

Baystate Health

Scholarly Commons @ Baystate Health

Library Newsletters

Newsletters, Blogs, and Journals

Spring 2023

Library & Knowledge Services Newsletter - Spring 2023

Baystate Health Sciences Library

Baystate Health, maria.roman@baystatehealth.org

Baystate Health Sciences Library

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/library_newsletters



Part of the [Medicine and Health Sciences Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Health Sciences Library, Baystate and Health Sciences Library, Baystate, "Library & Knowledge Services Newsletter - Spring 2023" (2023). *Library Newsletters*. 43.

https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/library_newsletters/43

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Newsletters, Blogs, and Journals at Scholarly Commons @ Baystate Health. It has been accepted for inclusion in Library Newsletters by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons @ Baystate Health.



Message from the Librarian

When needing health statistics there is no guarantee that the precise data even exists – whether seeking vital statistics, morbidity and mortality data, or statistics related to epidemiology, health economics, utilization and more. So where to turn? Agencies in the Department of Health and Human Services, and primarily the National Center for Health Statistics are responsible for providing health statistics in the United States. Fortunately, the often diffuse and uncoordinated data collection efforts of the past have given way to greater accessibility and order thanks to digital production and publishing methods, though still plagued by some lag time, duplication, and uneven coverage. [Health, United States](#), an annual report to the U.S. Congress that was issued for decades in print, eventually became available with enriched content online. The *Health, United States* program overall highlights national trends in health statistics with features such as [subject search tool](#) and the [Annual Report](#). Even the National Library of Medicine (NLM), with its detailed “[Where can I find Health Statistics](#)” listing and other aids can be a valuable source of statistics and search strategies. In fact, NLM offers a tutorial and instruction on “[Finding and Using Health Statistics](#)”, a very handy [topical chart](#), and even a [pre-test](#) to gauge your baseline knowledge before a final quiz! Various healthcare and non-health organizations also produce large volumes of primary data through surveillance and other means. Health data can even be retrieved from secondary sources such as peer-reviewed journals. The National Library of Medicine’s PubMed database makes the process easy by applying to many of their thousands of controlled vocabulary terms (MeSH headings) a number of specific subheadings for retrieving statistical information in the journal literature as explained [here](#). Even health care costs are covered in both primary and secondary source publications from the American Hospital Association to the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#). Consider too the decennial Census of the United States Population, which provides the most comprehensive data on demographics and socioeconomic characteristics of the U.S. population that can be invaluable to health-related research. Other useful information can also be found on the Library’s own [Population Health Resources](#) subject guide that includes local and state resources specific to Massachusetts. For more information contact the library at (413) 794-1865 or email library@bhs.org

Ellen Brassil, MLIS, MAT, AHIP

AVOID HEALTH MISINFORMATION!

Take the right path: Partner with your medical librarian.



Misinformation is prevalent across the web and social media, especially in the realm of [health and science](#), which can lead to difficult conversations between patients and clinicians. Healthcare professionals need to be vigilant and may need assistance in [confronting health misinformation](#), finding the most current evidence, and checking their sources... the library can help!

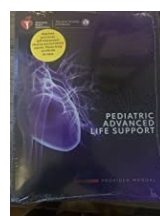
Cardiology LWW Health Library

The library now offers access to [Ovid Cardiology Health Library](#). This collection includes 25 world-class cardiology texts covering all core topics, over 4,300 procedural videos and over 6,000 multiple choice Q&As for self-assessment. Access to over 10 Lippincott journals and precision searching of current research.

Changes to MeSH Terminology

Health sciences terminology is ever-changing but did you know that every year the National Library of Medicine issues a listing of new Medical Subject Headings added to the MeSH vocabulary used in searching PubMed? Many of the new headings are submitted by clinicians, researchers and others who recommend them. [Here is a link](#) to the MeSH 2024 new terms already in progress along with those added for 2023.

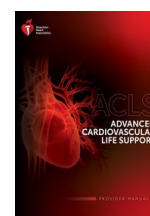
American Heart Association (AHA) Provider Manuals Available for Purchase from the Library



PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) 2020
\$53.25



BLS (Basic Life Support) 2020
\$17.04



ACLS (Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support) 2020
\$44.73

March 2023 Readership Snapshot

Scholarly Commons @ Baystate Health

Monthly Readership Totals:

Last month, **Scholarly Commons @ Baystate Health** had **1387** full-text downloads and **46** new submissions were posted, bringing the total works in the repository to **7384**. **Baystate Health** scholarship was read by **183** institutions across **78** countries.

The most popular papers were:

Baystate Medical Center Nursing Report - 2019 (91 downloads)

https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/bmcnursing_report/2

Optimum Anesthesia Technique For A Patient With Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy (HOCM) and Systolic Anterior Motion Of The Mitral Valve (SAM). (86 downloads)

https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/all_works/9553

Baystate Medical Center Nursing Report - 2018 (67 downloads)

https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/bmcnursing_report/1

The most popular publications were:

All Scholarly Works (461 downloads)

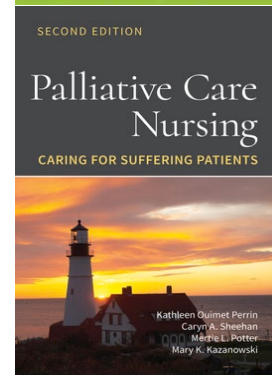
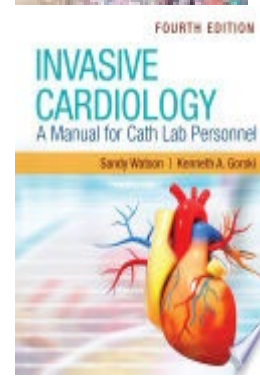
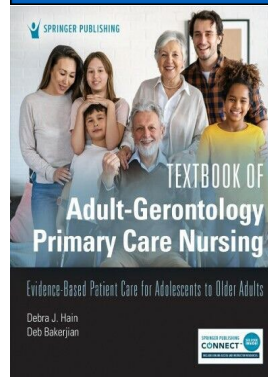
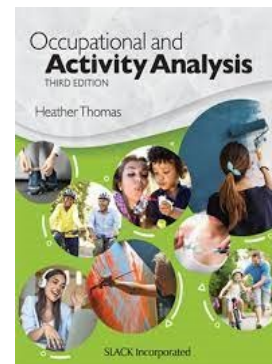
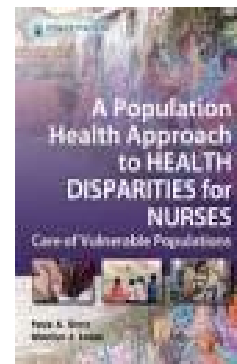
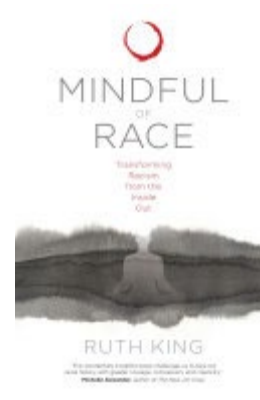
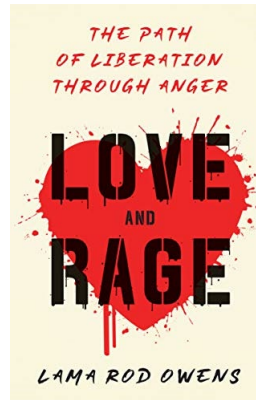
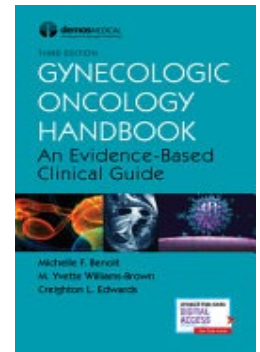
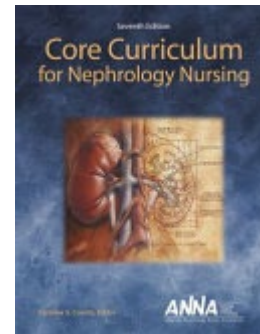
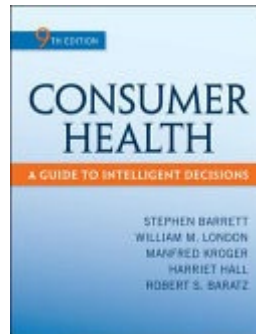
https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/all_works

Nurse Residency Program: Evidence Based Practice Projects (228 downloads)

https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/nursing_capstone_project

Baystate Medical Center Nursing Report (188 downloads)

https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/bmcnursing_report



[See additional new digital titles](#)