Coastal AHEC Health Sciences Library

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Welcome

The Robert M. Fales Health Sciences Library of Coastal AHEC is a medical library serving all health professionals in New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Columbus, and Brunswick Counties and affiliated health professions students. It is the largest health sciences library within 120 miles. The library is a part of Coastal AHEC, an educational and training not-for-profit private foundation. Its vision is to be the leading education, consultation, and information resource for health and human service providers in Southeast North Carolina.

Hours

Monday - Thursday  7:30am - 9:00pm
Library General Information

Friday  7:30am - 8:00pm
Saturday  8:30am - 2:30pm
Sunday  2:00pm - 6:30pm

Directions

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Eligibility

The library is open to the public and all library materials are available for use within the library. Anyone may enter the library and read materials.

Health professionals in New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Brunswick, Columbus, and portions of Bladen and Onslow Counties may borrow materials, request computer based literature searches, photocopy services and interlibrary loans, and receive classes and orientations.

Collection

*Books
  over 4,500
*Journals/Subscriptions
  over 330 journal subscriptions
*Audiovisuals/Videotapes
  Over 1,400 videotapes on various medical, health, mental health, and social topics.
*A VCR for viewing in the library.
*Audio-Digest
  Audiocassettes and CDs on various disciplines within medicine such as Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Orthopedics, Surgery, Ob-Gyn, Pediatrics, and Psychiatry. Audiocassettes offer continuing medical education credits to physicians.
*NCME (Network for Continuing Medical Education)
  videotapes - an excellent resource which offers continuing medical education credits to physicians.
* Newspapers
  National, state and local newspapers available.

Services

* Book loans and Audiovisual loans
  (you must register to borrow books) 2 week loan period
* Computer-based literature searches
* Interlibrary loans
Health professionals may request books or journal articles from another library.

* Photocopy service
  A self-service coin operated photocopier is available. Copies are $.10 per page.

Library staff will locate and photocopy (within copyright laws) requested material for health professionals. $5.00 per article.

**Fees**

The Library charges overdue fines of $.50/day for books and $1.00/day for audiovisuals

Photocopies and prints from microcomputer lab - $.10 each

Journal articles copied by the library staff - $5 each

For an explanation of journal article request fees, [click here](#)

**Computer Lab**

Our microcomputer lab contains these electronic resources:

* MEDLINE

* CINAHL
  (Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature) database of journals and books. Current literature in nursing and allied health.

* HealthSTAR
  database of 1,000 journals in health care administration. Prepared by the American Hospital Association.

* PsychInfo
  covers the world’s literature in psychology

* Health & Wellness Resource Center
  consumer health database of 500 pamphlets, book chapters, and easy to read magazine articles.

* Micromedex
  computerized clinical information system (contains drug, toxicology, poison, and reproductive risk information)

* STAT! Ref
  electronic library of 31 medical textbooks

* Up-To-Date
  current medical information pertaining to patient care and disease management.

**Consumer Health**
Our library has a limited number of books and resources written in easy-to-read medical language for the general public. New Hanover County Public Library has the largest single collection of health materials for the general public in North Carolina. Their collection includes 3,000 books, 250 videotapes, and an extensive pamphlet and clipping file.

Contact information:

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