

Library News – Winter Edition 2019

Welcome to Library News, delivering service updates and ideas to make work and study a little bit easier.

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New books

At the end of November we added 80 new books to our collection. Most of these are aimed at nursing students, nursing associates, healthcare support workers and allied health professionals. We received the funds to purchase these following a successful bid with Health Education England. [View the books on the online catalogue](#)



Current Awareness Bulletins

We have recently created several current awareness bulletins, each with a different focus. So far we have produced bulletins on Radiology, Stroke and Pharmacy. We will continue to produce these every other month and they will be available to read from a [dedicated page on the library website](#)

We welcome feedback on these bulletins as we aim to make them as relevant and useful as possible. If there is an area not already covered that you would like to see included in a regular bulletin then please let us know.

Opening Hours over Christmas

Our usual opening hours are 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, but there will be five week days on which the library will be closed during the Christmas period. These are as follows:

- Tuesday 24th December
- Wednesday 25th December
- Thursday 26th December
- Friday 27th December
- Wednesday 1st January



You can use the computer room and seating area when we are closed and you can access a lot of digital content through [our library website](#).

If any books you have borrowed are due to be returned whilst you are on leave, please return or renew these before you go. When the library is closed you can return books through the blue box outside the library. These will be checked in and recorded as returned when the library is open.

Fact Checking Websites

If you're in the habit of making New Year's resolutions, how about considering the reliability of information before you share it on social media? Although sites like Facebook are utilising technology to help identify fake news, we can all play our part by not sharing unreliable information. The first step is to consider the source and think about where the information has come from. It may look like it has come from a reputable organisation but it may just have a similar web address. Have a look at the website it came from originally and look at the type of material they publish. See if there is a named author on individual articles and search to see what else this author has published. The author may have social media accounts which you could look and decide if they are real or fake or if they have a particular political bias. There are also websites dedicated to fact checking:

- Full Fact is an independent UK charity. [The Full Fact website](#) is dedicated to fact checking information about politics and government.
- Snopes is part of the California-based Snopes Media Group. Through [the Snopes website](#) they investigate urban legends, hoaxes and folklore and this includes many fake news stories that have spread through social media.
- The NHS website has a section known as [Behind the Headlines](#) which looks at news stories about health topics and considers the original studies on which the news stories were based. This is slightly different from fact checking as the news stories are almost always based on results from a study, but sometimes results are misinterpreted by journalists and sometimes the news story fails to highlight flaws in the study.

Presentation Tips

According to Mayer's design principles, "people learn better from words and pictures than words alone." (Nagmoti, 2017:200). When preparing a presentation, try and think visually. Are there any images that you could use to enhance learning? In terms of using words, it is suggested that eight per bullet point and six bullet points per slide is considered good practice (Nowak et al, 2016:31). However, you could choose to dispense with bullet points altogether and instead use images that fill the slides and add key words and phrases on top of the image. If you're not sure where to obtain images from, you could try searching on [Pexels.com](#) The images you will find on this website can be downloaded in high resolution and are free to use.

For more ideas on how to create visually appealing presentations, have a look at [this blog post by Ned Potter](#), a librarian at the University of York, who presents six alternatives to bullet points.

If you would like to learn how to design PowerPoint presentations then you could attend a session run by the library team which will consider slide design, animations and transitions, slide show settings and alternative file formats. This two hour session can be arranged for groups of three or more. If you would like to attend, please email

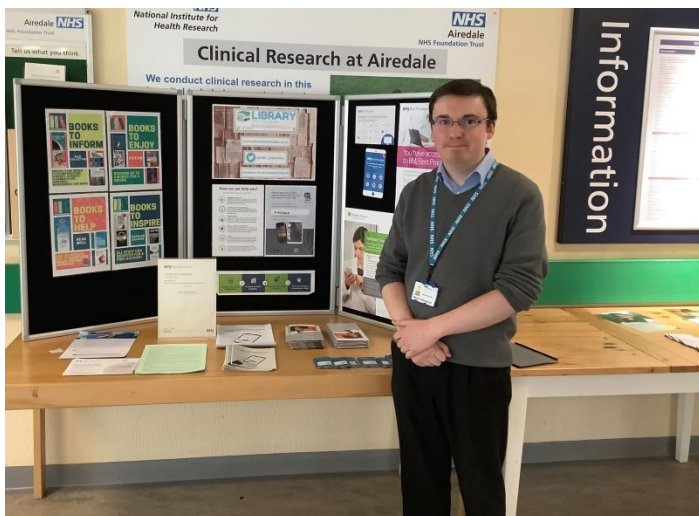
martyn.greenwood@anhst.nhs.uk You will be added to a waiting list and then contacted with options of dates and times.

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Library on the Landing

During Libraries Week in October, the library team were on the landing to promote the online resources available to Airedale NHS Trust staff. The theme of Libraries Week in 2019 was *Celebrating Libraries in a Digital World* and we showed staff how to use and access BMJ Best Practice and UpToDate. Both resources can be accessed with one click from the Clinical Systems page on AireShare and it is also possible to use dedicated apps from your smartphone. Creating a personal account enables you to view a record of what you have looked at and how much time you have spent – useful for CPD. There are even certificates you can download to add to your evidence folder. We still have leaflets in the library that you can take away and if you aren't already using these online resources, we can help you get started.



If you haven't already registered with the library, you can [complete an online registration form](#) or visit the library and fill out the paper form. We hope to see you in 2020!

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