

Library resources for Health Science programs – AY2012

Egan Library supports UAS Health Sciences (HS) programs with collections and services designed to meet the needs of students and faculty. The Library's policy is that any currently registered UAS student has access to the same set of online databases, e-books, and e-journals, regardless of their campus affiliation (Juneau, Ketchikan, or Sitka). Students enrolled in the UAA nursing program at any of the campuses also have access to the full array of UAA Health Sciences Library collections.

Students attending classes on the Sitka campus are encouraged to use Egan Library to meet all their needs, as there is no library facility on that campus. The library provides those students with mail delivery for requested print or audiovisual materials as well as electronic delivery of scanned documents wherever copyright considerations permit. An Outreach Services Librarian working out of the Juneau campus is available to conduct instruction sessions at the Sitka campus and ensures there is awareness among staff, faculty, and students of library collections and services by visiting that campus at least once a year.

The Ketchikan campus has a library of its own over 3200 print books, documents, and video/DVDs and 3 active print serial subscriptions in the health sciences in addition to the electronic collections listed below. The library offers reference, instruction, and interlibrary loan services to students enrolled in Ketchikan-based courses.

A estimate of book, ebook, document, and video/DVD holdings for HS in Egan Library is over 10,000 titles, with more state and federal agency documents available locally from the Alaska State Library through a shared online catalog and delivery system. Egan Library provides access through its catalog to several major scholarly electronic book collections: *ebrary*, *Ebsco (formerly netlibrary)*, and *Springer*, with total holdings numbers over 87,800 titles. The full text of each book is fully searchable and available 24/7 to currently enrolled students from any Internet-capable computer. *Ebsco* ebook titles have been selected specifically to support the HS and other UAS academic programs, and the *ebrary* collection offers current and recent titles. For titles unavailable locally, we provide interlibrary loan services at no cost to the student and use the *WorldCat* database to help students identify useful titles.

The Egan Library currently subscribes to 17 print serial publications supporting health sciences. An A-Z listing of periodicals available either online or in hard-copy through Egan Library provides access to the full text of 4881 titles directly relevant to the health sciences. That number is the result of negotiating licenses for journal aggregations, almost all of which involve consortia deals in

conjunction with other Alaskan libraries, including the state's principal medical library at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Indexing for HS periodicals is available through 12 subscription databases, including with links to full text enabled wherever possible. Several major interdisciplinary databases also include indexing and/or full text for significant HS content.

Students may contact the reference desk via phone, e-mail, chat in person 80 hours per week during a typical term. They have access to *RefWorks* bibliographic management software, personal research consultations by appointment, reserve items including laptops, free interlibrary loans, 15 public workstations, and a wireless network within the library. Librarians offer two library skills courses and upon request by faculty, a liaison librarian will provide information literacy instruction in the classroom or via distance delivery tailored to HS assignments.