

Electronic & print resources in the MLHU Library

eBooks in the MLHU Library

In 2014 the library introduced ebooks into its collection purchasing 11 titles outright, representing just under 30% of total library book purchases for that year. The books are accessible via the [Virtual Library](#) for MLHU and client health unit staff. Upon logging into the Virtual Library 'eBook collection' is a choice in the listing of databases. The following titles are available electronically:

- Handbook of health behavior change, c2014
- Basic guide to oral health education and promotion, c2014
- Pediatric nursing care: best evidence-based practices, c2014
- The first-time manager, c2012
- The power of presence: unlock your potential to influence and engage others, c2012
- Lead with purpose: giving your organization a reason to believe in itself, c2012
- Sexually transmitted diseases sourcebook: basic consumer health information about sexual health and the screening, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of common sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including Chancroid, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Herpes, Hepatitis, Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS), Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Syphilis, and Trichomoniasis, c2012
- Domestic violence sourcebook: basic consumer information about intimate partner abuse, stalking, sexual harassment, and human trafficking, including facts about risk factors, warning signs, and forms of physical, sexual, mental, emotional, and financial abuse in women, men, adolescents, recent immigrants, elders, and other specific populations, c2012
- Health places, healthy people: a handbook of culturally informed community nursing practice, c2011
- Occupational and environmental health: recognizing and preventing disease and injury, c2011
- Public health and infectious diseases, 2010

Journals in the MLHU Library

The library currently subscribes to 27 journal titles, 10 of which are available electronically, representing 37% of the collection. The decision to purchase print or electronic journals entails a variety of factors including licensing agreements (which dictate how journal articles can be shared with other Ontario public health professionals), cost, and whether the back issues are owned in perpetuity. Table 1 below portrays the library's subscriptions for 2016, pending completion of negotiations.

MLHU Library's Access to Additional Resources

Public Health Ontario (PHO) and the four Shared Library Services Partnership (SLSP) libraries coordinate journal subscription purchases to avoid duplication and ensure resource sharing across the province. In addition, the library participates in Docline, an automated interlibrary loan system that allows for free reciprocal interlibrary loans from health libraries across North America. In order to participate in Docline a library must maintain a minimum of 25 journal subscriptions and actively participate in sharing

their collection. There is seldom a journal article request that cannot be obtained for free and shared electronically across the organization under the library's Access Copyright License.

A great deal of additional online content is available through the [Virtual Library](#) which is paid for by PHO. For example, the *Cochrane Library of Systematic Reviews* is completely full text while *CINAHL Plus with Full Text* provides the full text for more than 760 journals.

Although public health libraries are small, they operate collaboratively and are extremely well connected to provide a large suite of online products and resources.

Table 1: Middlesex London Health Unit library journal subscriptions, 2016

Journal Title	Online	Print + Online	Print Only
Accident Analysis & Prevention			✓
Addictive Behaviors			✓
American Journal of Health Education		✓	
American Journal of Preventive Medicine			✓
Birth		✓	
Breastfeeding Medicine	✓		
Canadian HR Reporter		✓	
Childhood Obesity	✓		
Critical Public Health		✓	
Family & Community Health			✓
Health Communication		✓	
Health & Place			✓
Health Education Journal			✓
International Journal of Hygiene & Environmental Health			✓
Journal of Human Nutrition & Dietetics			✓
Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Canada			✓
Journal of Primary Prevention			✓
Journal of Public Health Dentistry		✓	
Journal of Public Health Management and Practice			✓
Journal of Rural Health			✓
Journal of Safety Research			✓
Journal of School Nursing		✓	
Journal of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics			✓
MCN: The American Journal of Maternal/Child Nursing			✓
Prevention Science			✓
Preventive Medicine			✓
Social Marketing Quarterly		✓	