Christmas Opening Times

The library opening hours over the Christmas holidays are as follows:

Monday 26 December        CLOSED
Tuesday 27 December        CLOSED
Wednesday 28 December     9am – 5pm
Thursday 29 December       9am – 5pm
Friday 30 December         9am – 5pm
Monday 2nd January         CLOSED

We will be open as usual from Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

New bulletin for Healthcare Assistants

This year the Government suggested voluntary registration for healthcare support workers. Since then the House of Commons Health Select Committee and the RCN have stated their support for mandatory regulation of health care assistants and support workers.

What better time then to sign up to a new monthly current awareness bulletin from the Healthcare Library, aimed at Healthcare Assistants? It will cover news and articles of interest to Healthcare Assistants and support workers both in mental health and the community and can help in developing your career and with CPD.

If you would like to receive the bulletin please email genny.franklin@berkshire.nhs.uk.

If you would like to sign up to other bulletins, please go to the website and http://www.berkshire.nhs.uk/libraries/services/current_awareness.htm

To receive bulletins you need to be a library member - please join at http://www.berkshire.nhs.uk/libraries/forms/membership.htm
Open Day Roadshow

Following the success of our Open Day at Prospect Park in October we are now going out on the road.

17 January - West Berks Community Hospital
25 January - Wokingham Community Hospital

Come and meet the library team and find out how we can help you, as well as have some fun at our Open Days. We will be in the Reception area between 10am and 4pm.

- Enter our quiz to test your library knowledge and win a prize.
- ATHENS surgery - reset that password and find out what it’s all about
- Come for a chat - introduce yourselves, don’t be shy.
- Not to forget free chocolate rewards for attending.

The winner of our October Library Quiz was Cris Spring, Clinical Governance Lead Nurse - well done Cris.

Website of the Month - Prodigy
Prodigy (http://www.prodigy.nhs.uk) is an evidence summary site aimed at all healthcare professionals (including GPs, nurses and pharmacists) in primary and first contact care but can also be a good resource for patients and other hospital departments. It:

- Is a reliable source of evidence based information with links to reference articles
- Has an A-Z list of over 320 conditions to browse
- Covers the common conditions encountered in primary and first contact care
- Gives information on treatment options, diagnosis and referral for over 1000 scenarios
- Does not need an ATHENS password
- Includes printable patient information leaflets

Prodigy is produced by Clarity Informatics, a sister company to the Sowerby Centre for Health Information in Newcastle who used to produce CKS (Clinical Knowledge Summaries).

Reading for relaxation.

- Too many books by your bedside?
- Groaning bookshelves?

We will be offering a new “reading for relaxation” collection of books for staff to borrow in the New Year. If you have any unwanted books, fiction or general interest, that are in good condition that you would be willing to donate to the library please do bring them in or send in the internal post. More news on the launch of the service will follow shortly.

What our customers say...

“Wow this is amazing - what a service thank you. Wish I’d asked earlier”

from a user of our literature search service.
New books

A sample of some new books that we have recently purchased. A full list is available on our website.


If you would like to make suggestions to add to stock, please do tell us

Feedback
We hope you found this newsletter useful. If there are things you’d like to be included in please let us know.