HCC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME BACK!
BASIC LIBRARY INFORMATION

Welcome back to a new semester at HCC! As classes begin, the HCC Library is a great place for quiet study, research, and checking out new books and movies.

The HCC Library has a large collection of fiction and nonfiction, DVDs, newspapers, and magazines and journals available for checkout in addition to a vast collection of online resources. Our Minitex NetLibrary collection contains thousands of e-books, while our databases provide access to scholarly journals and articles, newspapers, and other resources. Click one of the links below to get started!

[Search the Library Catalog](#)

[Access Library Databases](#)

[Ask the Librarian for Help](#)

## STUDENT IDS
NOW IN THE LIBRARY

Students in need of a student ID or Nursing Badge should make their way to the HCC Library. The first ID is free. If a student needs a new ID because theirs was lost or stolen, a new ID will cost $5.00. This should be paid in the HCC Bookstore (now located in D-building's Physics Lab), and the student should bring a receipt of their payment with them to the library as proof of payment to receive a new ID.

BETTER THAN REDBOX?
DVDS AT THE HCC LIBRARY

While RedBox might get new DVDs a little faster than the HCC Library does, the Library's DVD collection is current and growing! Checkout old favorites and new releases right here on campus!

New DVDs at the HCC Library include *Pitch Perfect 3, Wonder Woman, Black Panther, The Quiet Place, Breaking In, Life of the Party, Tomb Raider*, and more. Movies check out for 3 days, and can be renewed if needed.
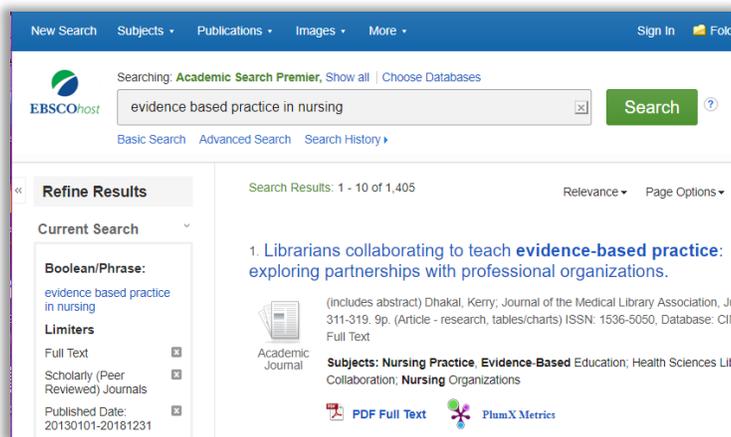
CONDUCTING RESEARCH
USING FILTERS

When conducting research in a database or library catalog, filters are one of the best tools available. Filters allow researchers to narrow or expand their search results, eliminating irrelevant resources and focusing on those that best suit their needs. Most students, however, tend to forget that these filters exist, or they don't know how to use them. Luckily, filters are relatively easy to use.

Filters can be applied either before or after you conduct your search. If you wish to apply filters prior to searching, you must select the "Advanced Search" option, which is available both in the Library Catalog and in the Library's Databases. If you choose not to use an Advanced Search, or if you forget to apply certain filters to your search, both the Catalog and the Databases provide Filter options on the side of your results page. From this side bar, you can add or remove various filters, including Language filters, Format filters, Publication date filters, and more.

The Library Catalog also allows you to choose which collection you want to search and to limit your results to only those items that are currently available for checkout.

The Library Databases have quite a few more Filter options than the Library Catalog, and they contain far more resources. While having thousands of search results can be a good thing, as it indicates that you will likely be able to find a resource that meets your research needs, it can also make your search more difficult, as it means that you have more results to sift through. The library's top recommended Filters to apply when searching the databases are as follows:

1. **Full Text** – selecting Full Text will ensure that you can access PDF versions of your results immediately, rather than having to request an article via Interlibrary Loan, which can take up to 3 days to be emailed
2. **Scholarly Peer Reviewed** - Selecting this Filter will limit your results to books and articles that have not only been written by experts, but also have been read by other experts in the field, ensuring that the information is accurate
3. **Publication Date** – setting the publication date to the last five years will ensure that your results have recent information, which is necessary for science and health fields

If at any point in your research you need assistance, just ask the Librarian for help:

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