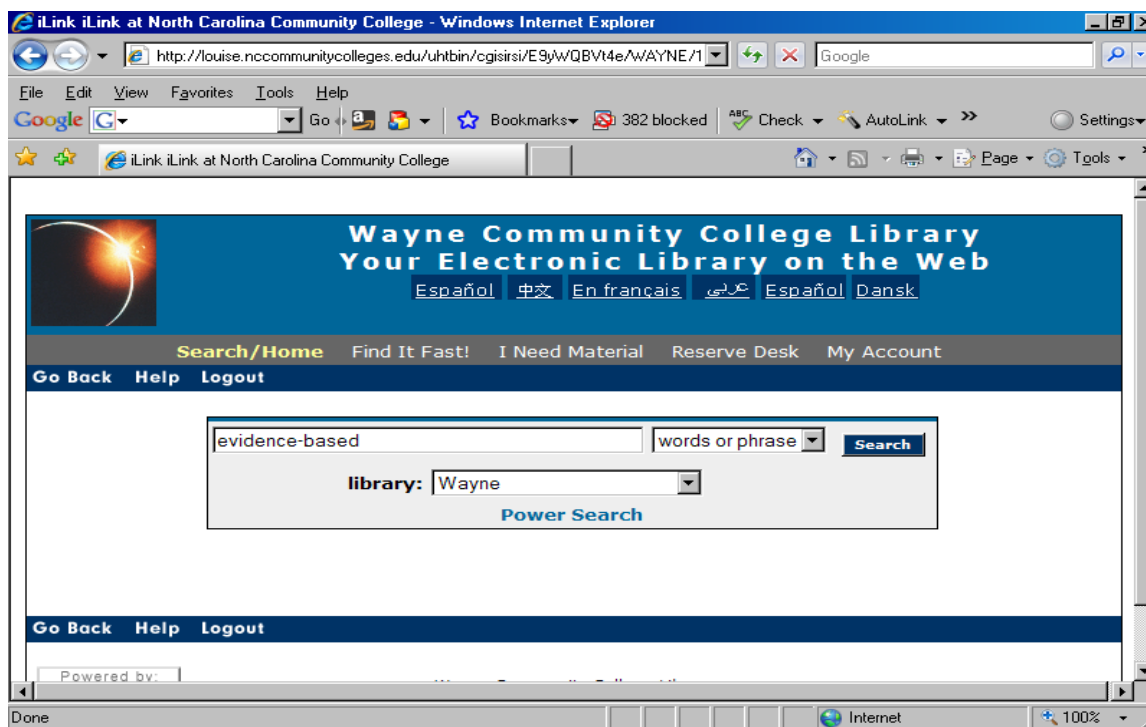


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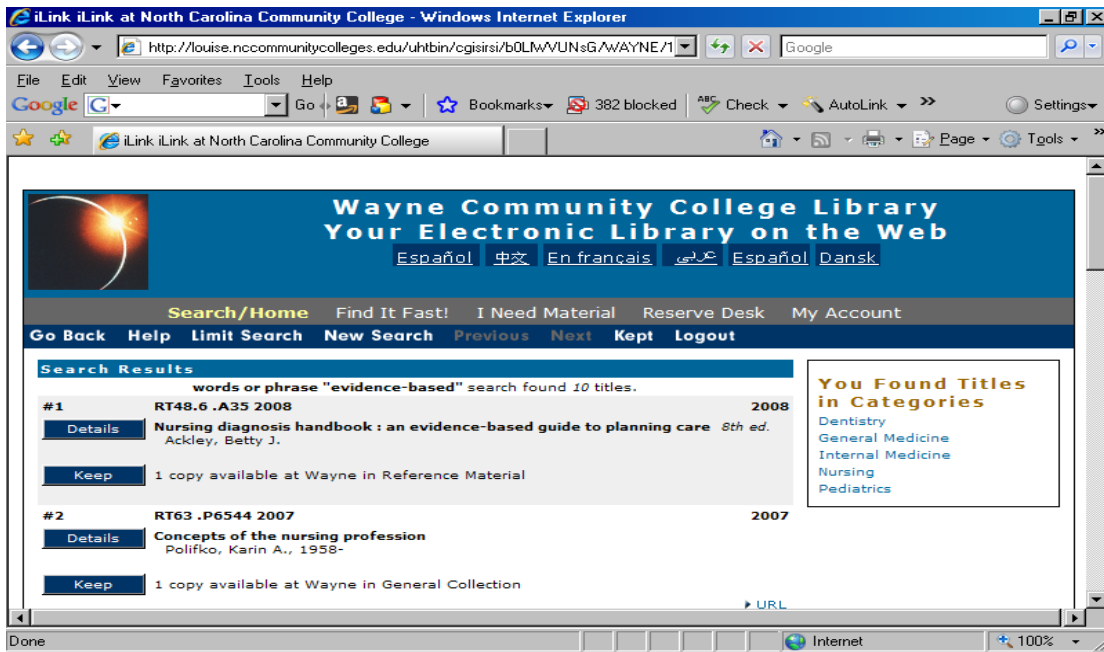
**Example:** You wish to find materials on the topic “**evidence-based**” using a “**word or phrase**” (keyword) search of the OPAC:

1. From the left hand drop down menu select “**words or phrase**” for a **keyword search**. A keyword search will search for your chosen search term within the full catalog record for each item in the library’s collection, including title, author, subject and table of contents.
2. Enter you search term into the left hand search box. This example uses “**evidence-based.**”
3. Verify that “**Wayne**” appears in the “**library**” box as the library collection within which you will search; if not, choose it from the drop-down menu.
4. Click the **Search** button.

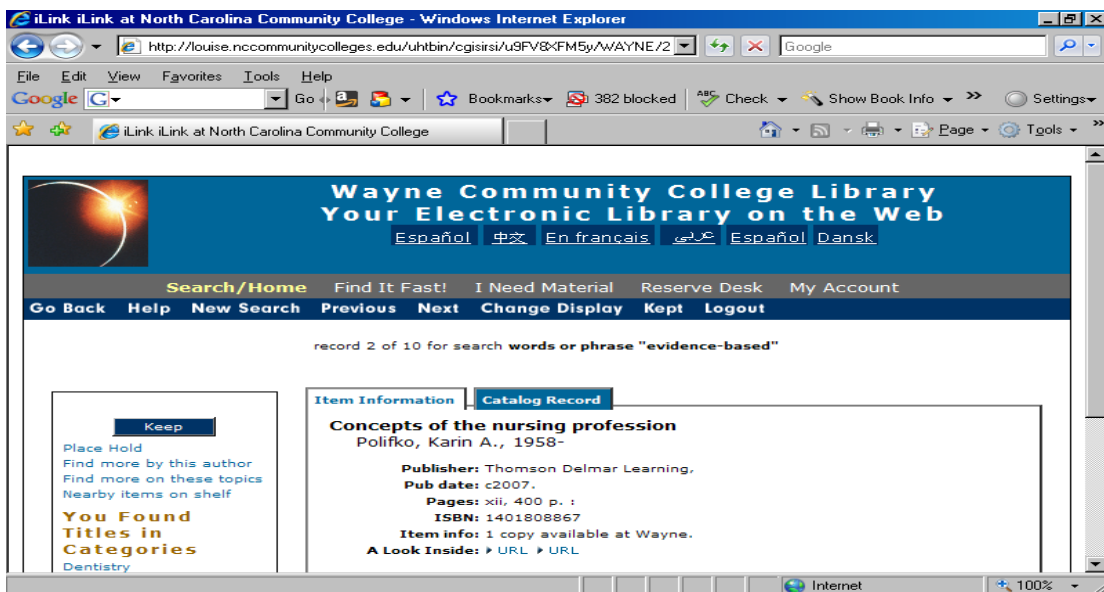


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5. In the **Search Results** list illustrated below, item #1 had “**evidence-based**” in the title of the book, so most of the book will probably cover your chosen topic.
6. To verify if other items in the results list that don’t have “**evidence-based**” in their titles will be useful to you, click the **Details** button beside the title of an item to see where the search term “**evidence-based**” was found in the catalog record for the item.



7. Click the **Catalog Record** tab to access the entire catalog record.



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8. As this example illustrates, “**evidence-based**” only occurs in the **Contents** section of the catalog record, meaning that only a small portion of the book deals with that topic. This could make the book less useful to your research. A subject search may be more useful in this case.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a catalog record. The browser title is "iLink iLink at North Carolina Community College - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL "http://louise.nccommunitycolleges.edu/uh/bin/cgisirsi/u9FV8XFM5y/WAYNE/2". The search bar contains "Google". The record details are as follows:

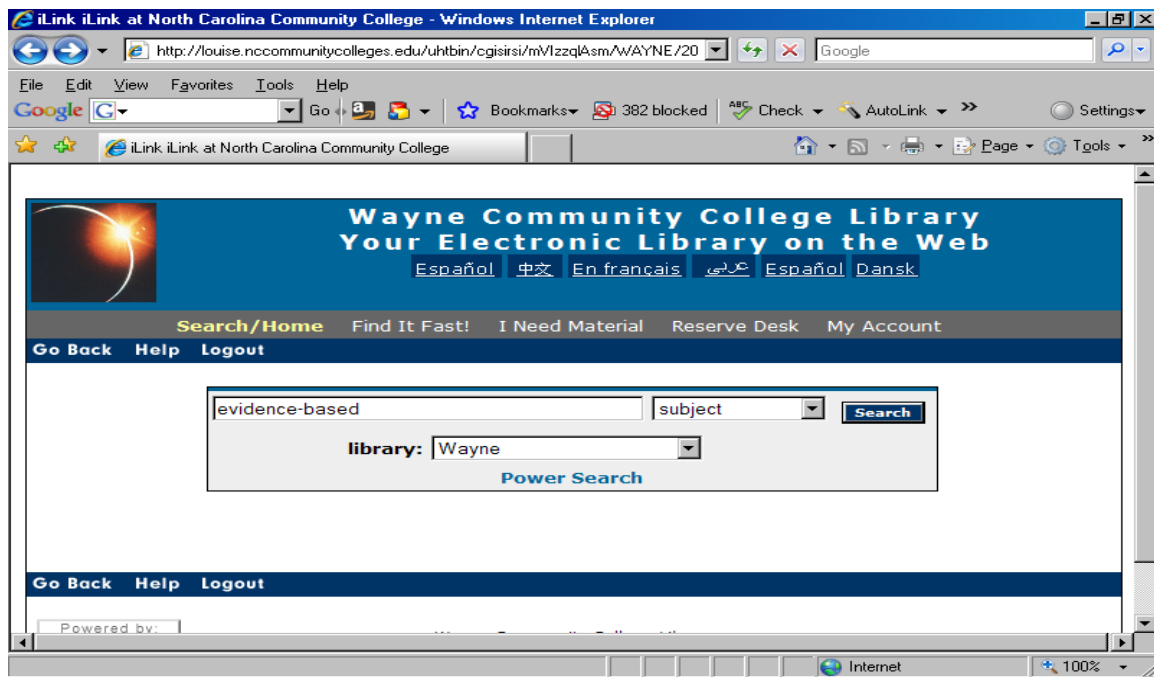
- Title:** Concepts of the nursing profession / Karin A. Polifko.
- Publication info:** Clifton Park, NY : Thomson Delmar Learning, c2007.
- Physical descrip:** xii, 400 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.
- Bibliography note:** Includes bibliographical references and index.
- Contents:** From practice to professionalism: the struggle within -- History and evolution of nursing -- Educating the profession -- Finding and maintaining work/life harmony -- Seeking and managing information -- Theoretical basis for the practice of nursing -- **Evidence-based practice** -- Health services in the United States -- Professional accountability: credentialing and accreditation -- Health care policy issues -- Diversity -- Legal accountabilities in the health care environment -- Ethical considerations in the health care environment -- Teacher/ learner -- Change agent -- Delegator and decision maker -- Collaborator and negotiator -- Evaluator -- Manager of information systems -- Defining a professional: graduate education -- Mentoring and the profession -- Responsibilities of the profession.
- Subject term:** Nursing--Philosophy.
- Subject term:** Nursing--United States.
- Electronic access:** Table of contents only
- OCLC-MARC processing:** Z0 NRM
- Electronic access:** Table of contents only
- Held by:** FAYVILLE WAKE-HEALT WAYNE

At the bottom of the record, there are navigation links: "Go Back", "Help", "New Search", "Previous", "Next", "Change Display", "Kept", and "Logout". The browser status bar at the bottom shows "Internet" and "100%".

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**Example:** You wish to find materials on the topic “**evidence-based**” using a “**subject**” search of the OPAC:

9. Conduct a **subject search** to find items that have more than a small part of their contents dedicated to your topic by choosing **New Search** from the top menu bar.
10. Choose “**subject**” from the right hand drop-down menu. **NOTE:** Subjects are established by the **Library of Congress**, and you may have to do a few keyword searches of your topic to find a sample catalog record with the **Subject term** (in blue) which most closely matches the topic you are searching.
11. Enter “**evidence-based**” into the left hand search box, or use the drop-down menu beside the **Previous Searches** box to select your previous search term.
12. Click the **Search** button.



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13. Since the subject search is more focused, your **Search Results** list will be shorter, in this example only **5 titles** instead of the 10 titles found with the keyword search, but each item will have a subject pertinent to your topic.
14. To establish the correct **Library of Congress Subject Heading (LCSH)** for any future subject searches on the topic, click on the **Details** button beside one or two titles and scroll down to find the LC **Subject terms** in blue text.

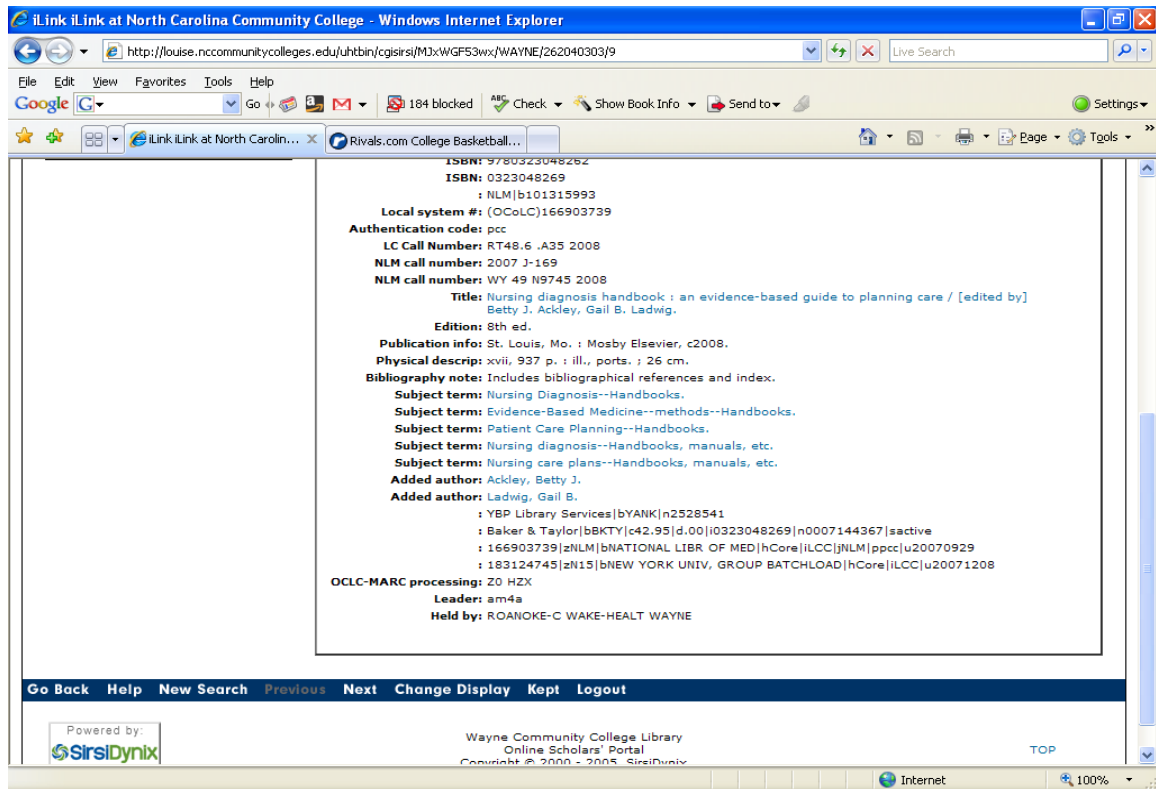
The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Wayne Community College Library OPAC. The page header includes the library name and a navigation menu with options like 'Search/Home', 'Find It Fast!', 'I Need Material', 'Reserve Desk', and 'My Account'. The search results section shows two titles:

#	Call Number	Year	Title	Author	Availability
#1	RT48.6 .A35	2008	Nursing diagnosis handbook : an evidence-based guide to planning care	Ackley, Betty J.	1 copy available at Wayne in Reference Material
#2	RT81.5 .I5844	2007	Introduction to nursing research : incorporating evidence-based practice	Boswell, Carol.	1 copy available at Wayne in General Collection

Each title has a 'Details' button. A sidebar on the right indicates 'You Found Titles in Categories' with links for 'General Medicine' and 'Nursing'.

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15. As the catalog record in the example shows, the official LCSH is “**Evidence-based medicine.**” **NOTE:** A search of other catalog records in the sample search’s **Search Results** list will offer another LCSH of “**Evidence-based nursing**” as an alternative subject heading to use in future searches of the **OPAC**, or any other type of online database such as those in **NC LIVE**. Most research databases use the LCSH standard.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a catalog record. The browser title is "iLink iLink at North Carolina Community College - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: "http://louis.nccommunitycolleges.edu/uhitbin/cgiisirsj/MJ:WGF53wx/WAYNE/262040303/9". The record details are as follows:

ISBN: 9780323048262  
ISBN: 0323048269  
: NLM|b101315993  
Local system #: (OCoLC)166903739  
Authentication code: pcc  
LC Call Number: RT48.6 .A35 2008  
NLM call number: 2007 J-169  
NLM call number: WY 49 N9745 2008  
Title: Nursing diagnosis handbook : an evidence-based guide to planning care / [edited by] Betty J. Ackley, Gail B. Ladwig.  
Edition: 8th ed.  
Publication info: St. Louis, Mo. : Mosby Elsevier, c2008.  
Physical descrip: xvii, 937 p. : ill., ports. ; 26 cm.  
Bibliography note: Includes bibliographical references and index.  
Subject term: Nursing Diagnosis--Handbooks.  
Subject term: Evidence-Based Medicine--methods--Handbooks.  
Subject term: Patient Care Planning--Handbooks.  
Subject term: Nursing diagnosis--Handbooks, manuals, etc.  
Subject term: Nursing care plans--Handbooks, manuals, etc.  
Added author: Ackley, Betty J.  
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