

Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) Basic Search Guide

Example: Find print books on the topic “**evidence-based**” using a “**word or phrase**” (keyword) search of the **Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)**:

1. Access the **Erwin Library homepage** at <https://www.waynecc.edu/library/>



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Wayne Community College
Wayne Learning Center
Third Floor

Address

Erwin Library

Welcome to the Clyde A. Erwin, Jr. Library, located in the Wayne Learning Center, with entrances on the third floor beside the elevators and on the third floor landing of the atrium stairwell. Part of the Community College Libraries in North Carolina (CCLINC) consortium, with a shared online catalog, the Erwin Library collections include over thirty-six thousand print books and a small selection of print periodical and newspaper subscriptions, with thousands more subscribed to electronically for in-library and remote use, 24/7. Accessible through the WCC Single Search discovery service are over eighty thousand streaming videos, as well as hundreds of thousands of electronic books, articles and images from sixty-three research databases in addition to those subscribed to through NC LIVE. Our **mission** includes providing “the highest standard of professional and friendly service to all patrons, including both individual and classroom instruction in information literacy.”

Single Search Publication Title Search

WCC Single Search

 Keyword Title Author

Search For Books in the:
[OPAC \(Online Public Access Catalog\)](#)

Click the OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) direct link to open the search interface for print books

2. Click the **OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) direct link** to open the Search area

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The screenshot shows the SirsiDynix e-Library search page for Wayne Community College. The page has a blue header with the logo and language options (Español, En français). Below the header is a green navigation bar with links like Search/Home, Find It Fast!, I Need Material, Reserve Desk, and My Account. The main search area is white and contains several elements: a search box with the text "evidence based", a dropdown menu set to "words or phrase", a "Search" button, a "library" dropdown menu set to "Wayne", and radio buttons for "Keyword", "Browse", and "Exact". Red boxes and arrows highlight these elements with text instructions: "Enter your search term into the Search box" points to the search box; "Choose 'Wayne' to search only Erwin Library books" points to the library dropdown; "You may use the default search parameter 'words or phrase' (i.e. 'Keyword') or use the drop-down menu to select to search 'author' or 'title' instead" points to the search parameter dropdown; and "Click the Search button to complete your search" points to the Search button. A "Power Search" link is also visible. On the right side, there is an "NCKnows Ask Us Now!" button and a link to "Need help? Ask a Librarian."

3. Enter your search term, a word or string of words with no punctuation, into the **Search box**, in this example **“evidence based”**
4. To refine your search, use the **drop-down menu** to the right of the **Search box** to set your basic search parameter, using **words or phrase** for a keyword search, **author**, if you know the exact name of the book’s author, or **title** for a book or video title if you know it
5. Use the **library drop-down menu** if you wish to change the default search parameter from **“Wayne”** (i.e. search only holdings in the Erwin Library), to **“All”** (i.e. ALL N.C. Community Colleges), if you want to find the item at any of the over fifty community colleges in the Community College Libraries in North Carolina (CCLINC) consortium
6. Click the **Search** button

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Search Results

words or phrase "evidence based" search found 44 titles. ←

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<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	The psychobiology of transsexualism and transgenderism : a new view based on scientific evidence Bevan, Thomas E., RC560 .G45 B48 2015 [GENRL-COLL] 1 copy available at Wayne in Local Use	2015
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Introduction to nursing research : incorporating evidence-based practice 3rd ed. Boswell, Carol. RT81.5 .I5844 2014 1 copy available at Wayne in General Collection	2014
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Sparks and Taylor's nursing diagnosis reference manual 9th ed. Ralph, Sheila Sparks. RT48.6 .S66 2014 1 copy available at Wayne in General Collection	2014
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Getting life : an innocent man's 25-year journey from prison to peace : a memoir <i>First Simon & Schuster hardcover edition.</i> Morton, Michael, 1954- HV9468 .M67 A3 2014 [GENRL-COLL] 1 copy available at Wayne in Local Use	2014
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Cannabis pharmacy : the practical guide to medical marijuana Backes, Michael, RM666 .C266 B33 2014 [GENRL-COLL] No copies currently available. (Estimated wait is 16 days)	2014
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Animal wisdom : learning from the spiritual lives of animals Bender, Linda, 1950- QL85 .B45 2014 [GENRL-COLL] 1 copy available at Wayne in Local Use	2014
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	The myths of modern medicine : the alarming truth about American health care Leifer, John, 1957- RA412.2 .L45 2014 [GENRL-COLL] 1 copy available at Wayne in Local Use	2014
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and clinical judgment : a practical approach 5th ed. Alfaro-LeFevre, Rosalinda. RT86 .A34 2013 1 copy available at Wayne in General Collection	2013
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Success in practical/vocational nursing : from student to leader 7th ed. Hill, Signe S. RT62 .H45 2013 1 copy available at Wayne in General Collection	2013

Note that a total of 44 titles were found for this keyword search, the broadest type of search

To see if an item is relevant to your needs, even though the search term is not in the title, first click on the blue title link

- In the **Search Results list** for our sample search, item #2 shows “**evidence-based**” in the title of the book, so most of the book will probably cover your chosen topic
- To verify if other items in the **Search Results list** that don’t have “**evidence-based**” in their titles will be useful to you, click the **blue title link** of an entry see where the search term “**evidence-based**” was found in the **Catalog Record** for the item

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Title Sparks and Taylor's nursing diagnosis reference manual

Author Ralph, Sheila Sparks.

Publisher: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins,

Pub date: c2014.

Pages: xxix, 845 p. ;

ISBN: 9781451187014

Item info: 1 copy available at Wayne.

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	Copy	Material	Location
Wayne	1	Circulating books	General Collection

Click the blue **Catalog Record** link to open a fuller description of the book, which may include a list of chapters, or a summary of the book's contents

9. Click the **blue Catalog Record link** to access the entire catalog record containing all available information about the item

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Item Information **Catalog Record**

Sparks and Taylor's nursing diagnosis reference manual
Ralph, Sheila Sparks.

Leader: am a
key: ocn813380751
Data source: OCoLC
Date/time stamp: 20130312094243.0
Fixed field data: 121016s2014 pau bf 001 0 eng
LCCN: 2012042169
Cataloging source: DNLM/DLC eng DLC YDX NLM YDXCP
:
: 101594127|2DNLM
:
: 806014925
ISBN: 9781451187014 (alk. paper)
ISBN: 1451187017 (alk. paper)
Local system #: (OCoLC)813380751 (OCoLC)806014925
Authentication code: pcc
LC Call Number: RT48.6 .S66 2014
NLM call number: WY 49
Dewey class number: 616.07/5 23
Personal Author: Ralph, Sheila Sparks.
Title: Sparks and Taylor's nursing diagnosis reference manual / Sheila Sparks Ralph, Cynthia M. Taylor.
Variant title: Nursing diagnosis reference manual
Edition: 9th ed.
Publication info: Philadelphia : Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, c2014.
Physical descrip: xxix, 845 p. ; 23 cm.
Bibliography note: Includes bibliographical references and index.
Contents: Adult health -- Adolescent health -- Child health -- Maternal-neonatal health -- Geriatric health -- Psychiatric and mental health -- Community-based health -- Applying evidence-based practice.
Subject term: Nursing diagnosis--Handbooks, manuals, etc.
Subject term: Nursing Diagnosis--Handbooks.
Subject term: Patient Care Planning--Handbooks.
Added author: Taylor, Cynthia M.
OCLC-MARC processing: Z0 HQL
Held by: FAYVILLE WAYNE SURRY

Click New Search to begin a new search using a narrower search strategy, such as a subject search instead of keyword for "evidence based"

Note that your search term "evidence based" on occurs once in the Contents field of the Catalog Record

10. As this example illustrates, “**evidence-based**” only occurs in the **Contents** section of the **Catalog Record**, indicating 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
11. 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

Example: Find print books on the topic “**evidence-based**” using a “**subject**” search of the **OPAC**:

The screenshot shows the OPAC search interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Search/Home, Find It Fast!, I Need Material, Reserve Desk, and My Account. Below this is a green bar with links: Go Back, Help, Bookmark this page, Permalink, and Logout. The main search area has three radio buttons for Catalog: Keyword (selected), Browse, and Exact. The search input field contains "evidence based". To the right of the input field is a drop-down menu with "subject" selected. A blue "Search" button is to the right of the drop-down menu. Below the search input is a "library:" field with "Wayne" selected. Below that is a "Previous Searches:" field with "--Choose a previous query--" selected. A "Power Search" link is at the bottom left. Two red annotations with arrows point to the "subject" drop-down menu and the "Wayne" library field. The first annotation says: "From the drop-down menu select 'subject' for a more focused search result list". The second annotation says: "Note that you are still only searching the holdings in 'Wayne' (i.e. the Erwin Library, Wayne Community College)".

12. Choose “**subject**” from the right hand drop-down menu. Note that 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.
13. Enter “**evidence-based**” into the left hand search box
14. Click the **Search** button

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Search Results

subject "evidence based" search found 7 titles.

Note that the more focused "subject" search for "evidence based" items yielded only 7 titles instead of the result list of 44 titles for the earlier "keyword" search

1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Introduction to nursing research : incorporating evidence-based practice 3rd ed. 2014 Dusweny, Carol. RT81.5 .I5844 2014 1 copy available at Wayne in General Collection
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Nursing diagnosis handbook : an evidence-based guide to planning care 9th ed. 2011 Ackley, Betty J. RT48.6 .A35 2011 1 copy available at Wayne in Reference Material
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Evidence-based practice in nursing & healthcare : a guide to best practice 2nd ed. 2011 Melnyk, Bernadette Mazurek. RT42 .M44 2011 1 copy available at Wayne in Reference Material
4.	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Nursing research : methods and critical appraisal for evidence-based practice 7th ed. 2010 LoBiondo-Wood, Geri. RT81.5 .N8665 2010 1 copy available at Wayne in Reference Material
5.	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Evidence-based decision making : a translational guide for dental professionals 1st ed. 2009 Forrest, Jane L. RK51.5 .E95 2009 1 copy available at Wayne in General Collection ▶ URL
6.	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Central lines [videorecording] : advance your expertise 2007 George-Gay, Beverly. R723.7 .C46 2007 1 copy available at Wayne in Audio Visual
7.	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep	Teaching evidence-based practice in nursing : a guide for academic and clinical settings 2006 Levin, Rona F. RT71 .T335 2006 1 copy available at Wayne in General Collection ▶ URL

15. Since the subject search is more focused, your **Search Results list** will be shorter, in this example only **7 titles** instead of the 44 titles found with the keyword search, but each item will have a subject that is probably much more pertinent to your topic

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Introduction to nursing research : incorporating evidence-based practice
Boswell, Carol.

Leader: am8a
key: ocn809310077
Data source: OCoLC
Date/time stamp: 20130108113133.0
Fixed field data: 120829s2014 mau b 001 0 eng
LCCN: 2012035427
Cataloging source: DNLM/DLC eng DLC NLM OCLCO YDXCP
 : 101591299|2DNLM
ISBN: 9781449681968 (pbk.)
ISBN: 1449681964 (pbk.)
ISBN: 9781449695071
ISBN: 1449695078
Local system #: (OCoLC)809310077
Authentication code: pcc
NLM call number: WY 20.5
Dewey class number: 610.72 23
Local LC call number: RT81.5 .I5844 2014
Personal Author: Boswell, Carol.
Title: [Introduction to nursing research : incorporating evidence-based practice / edited by Carol Boswell, Sharon Cannon.](#)
Edition: 3rd ed.
Publication info: Burlington, MA : Jones & Bartlett Learning, c2014.
Physical descrip: xviii, 489 p.ill. ; 23cm.
Bibliography note: Includes bibliographical references and index.
Contents: Connection between research and evidence-based practice -- Overview of evidence -- Overview of research -- Ethics for nursing research and evidence-based practice -- Picot, problem statement, research question, hypothesis -- Literature review: searching and writing the evidence -- Sampling -- Quantitative research design -- Qualitative and mixed research methods -- Data collection -- Reliability, validity, and trustworthiness -- Data analysis -- The research critique process and the evidence-based appraisal process -- Translational research and practical applications -- Application of evidence-based nursing practice with research.

Subject term: [Nursing Research--methods.](#)
Subject term: [Evidence-Based Medicine.](#)
Added author: Boswell, Carol.
Added author: Cannon, Sharon, 1940-
 : YBP Library Services|bYANK|n9668669
 : NLM|b101591299
OCLC-MARC processing: ZO HZX
Held by: WAYNE

Note that the official Library of Congress Subject Heading (LCSH) is "Evidence Based Medicine" which can be used to search any other research database, not just for books, but for scholarly articles as well

16. To establish the correct **Library of Congress Subject Heading (LCSH)** for any future subject searches on the topic, click on the **blue title link** for the entry, then the **blue Catalog Record link**, beside one or two titles in the **Search Results list** and scroll down to find the LC **Subject terms** in blue text
17. As the catalog record in the example shows, the official **LCSH** is **"Evidence-Based Medicine."** Note that 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 **WCC Single Search**. Most research databases use the LCSH standard.

The Erwin Library Reference staff will be happy to tell you more about searching for materials in the **OPAC** in person in the library, or by phone at 919-739-6891 or Ext. 6891 from on-campus. A librarian will also reply to a request made through the **Erwin Library homepage** using the **Ask a Librarian form**.