

# SHARED LIBRARY SERVICES

## A Regional Partner in WOHKN

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### WOHKN – Western Ontario Health Knowledge Network

*Visit our new library website:  
<http://www.wohkn.ca>  
launched in February, 2008!*

*WOHKN is a partnership formed by Western Libraries at the University of Western Ontario, and the following UWO affiliated hospitals: Grey Bruce Health Services, Shared Library Services, London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care London.*

SLS has come “full-circle”!!! In 1981, LHSC was providing “shared services” to several community hospitals in the region. Shared Services were offered in pharmacy, respiratory therapy, biomedical engineering, and LIBRARY. Now, instead of being a service recipient, SLS is a full partner with the libraries at LHSC and St. Joe’s via the WOHKN initiative! In addition, another long-time library goal was an official affiliation with UWO – WOHKN has helped SLS reach that goal too!

#### **What does this mean for SLS clients?**

\*a suite of evidence-based, quality resources available 24/7 from a “one-stop shopping” portal website ([www.wohkn.ca](http://www.wohkn.ca)) for all health professionals in our SWLHIN available from work or home.

\*access to enhanced librarian services (i.e. vacation backup, colleagues with subject expertise such as cancer and geriatrics, website maintenance, etc.)

\*standardization of library services and resources no matter what site(s) clients are employed.

Highlight WOHKN in your Annual Report! Here’s an excerpt from LHSC’s most recent Annual Report to their Community documenting one of their strategic directions:

### **INTEGRATED RESEARCH, CARE AND EDUCATION**

Distinguish ourselves through integrated research, patient care and education.

#### **A HIGHLIGHT:**

In September, LHSC’s Health Sciences Library helped to launch the Western Ontario Health Knowledge Network (WOHKN), a partnership between libraries at The University of Western Ontario and affiliated hospitals. Through the network, healthcare professionals have increased electronic access to evidence-based health information, enhancing education, research and evidence-based clinical practice at partner sites. The network spans 29 sites and serves approximately 18,200 staff and physicians.

### ***What's next for WOHKN?***

- \*a plan for enhanced library services provision standardized throughout LHIN2.
- \*marketing to potential new members within LHIN2 and in LHIN1.
- \*additional resources funded with departmental monies or additional library funding if approved.
- \*working with Nursing to utilize the administrative functions in Mosby's Nursing Skills.
- \*providing an electronic version of the Current Awareness service.

### **LIBRARY RESOURCES**

	<u>PRE- WOHKN</u>	<u>POST- WOHKN</u>
# of e-Journals	0	2752
# of e-Books	81	81
# of Databases	2	6
e-CPS	Yes	Yes
CMD	Yes	Yes
New Evidence-based Resources!!	0	2
Website Portal	No	Yes

### **COMMENTS FROM CLIENTS:**

Emergency Nurse: *"I'm not great at computer usage yet, but WOHKN is a wonderful website!!! I am looking forward to using it more (I have been doing some cardiac research tonight!!)"*

Nurse Educator: *"By having access to WOHKN, we are assured that we have access to the best information that enhances patient outcomes."*

### **What books & DVDs are being purchased by member sites?**

Find out by checking our growing online Internet Regional Library Catalogue at: [www.sharedlibrary.on.ca/search.html](http://www.sharedlibrary.on.ca/search.html) .  
**BOOKMARK THIS SITE!**

Regional Union Library Catalogue of  
***SHARED LIBRARY SERVICES***  
***GREY BRUCE HEALTH SERVICES***

### **Published in the Literature!**

The contribution of library services by Susan Oke and Linda Wilcox were acknowledged in 2 different journal articles published in the Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine (March, 2008) and the Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine (Spring, 2008) – thank you Dr. Ken Milne!

### **LIBRARY LIAISONS**

The box below highlights the valued members of our SLS regional library support network – we couldn't do it without them!!! A special "welcome aboard" to the staff at the Grand Bend Community Health Centre who are now members of Shared Library Services.

Library Liaisons help with user requests, maintain the onsite library, provide library orientation, and market our services!

### **LIBRARY LIAISONS**

**Alexandra Marine & General Hospital, Goderich**  
Jen Ure

#### **Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance:**

Clinton Site = Joanne Hayter  
St. Marys Site = Marlene French  
Seaforth Site = Grace Dolmage  
Stratford Site = Jimmy Trieu, Jane Crawford

#### **Listowel and Wingham Hospitals Alliance:**

Listowel Site = Chris Vanderspiegel  
Wingham & District Hospital = Denise Mino

#### **North Wellington Health Care:**

Mt. Forest Site = Kim McDonald  
Palmerston Site = Helen McFadzean

**South Huron Hospital, Exeter** = Susan Oke  
**Grand Bend Community Health Centre** = Aileen Knip

**Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital**  
Karen Cook

**Woodstock General Hospital** = Trish Blancher

### **NETWORK OFFICE STAFF**

Linda Wilcox, Susan Oke