

# WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

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## LIBRARY SYSTEM

### **College of Nursing Mobile Librarian Service: Summary:**

1. One day per week for two hours in College of Nursing Cohn Building in a room with a computer provided. Location of the room is critical for faculty and graduate students using this service. The first two semesters the room was located near full-time Faculty offices. After those initial semesters, a room was assigned on another floor, which was less easily accessed.
2. Semesters offered (8): Fall, 2006; Winter, 2007; Fall, 2007; Winter, 2008; Fall, 2008; Winter, 2009; Fall, 2009; Winter, 2010. Start service each semester a few weeks after the semester has begun, and end before finals. Fall semesters: mid-October to mid-December; Winter semesters: mid-January to mid-April. No spring or summer sessions.
3. Day: Wednesday, 11:30am-1:30pm. This day was chosen because Nursing faculty meetings are scheduled, faculty have office hours, and many classes offered.
4. Most contacts are for the following reference or research support needs:
  - Questions about specific library resources: access to research databases
  - Assistance with search strategies and database searches (most frequently used databases are *CINAHL* and *PubMed*)
  - Accessing electronic journal articles
  - Assistance with ordering books or journal articles via ILL (Interlibrary Loan)
  - Questions about submitting articles for publication and author instructions
5. Most contacts are: Nursing faculty, Ph.D. and M.S.N. students. Many of the contacts are repeat users of this service. Graduate students are usually referred by faculty.
6. Faculty have become used to this service being offered in their building. Some now inquire, before a semester begins, when the service will begin, and if the service is returning.
7. Good support from the Associate Dean of Nursing, and College of Nursing Computer Support/IT.
8. Positive support and encouragement from the WSU Library System and Information Services.
9. User Contact Data for this service in College of Nursing (Faculty and Primarily Graduate Students): Winter, 2010 = 104 (349 Cohn); Fall, 2009 = 77 (349 Cohn); Winter, 2009 = 52 (203 Cohn); Fall, 2008 = 60 (333 Cohn); Winter, 2008 = 84 (301 Cohn); Fall, 2007 = 79 (301 Cohn); Winter, 2007 = 85 (237 Cohn); Fall, 2006 = 83 (236 Cohn).

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