

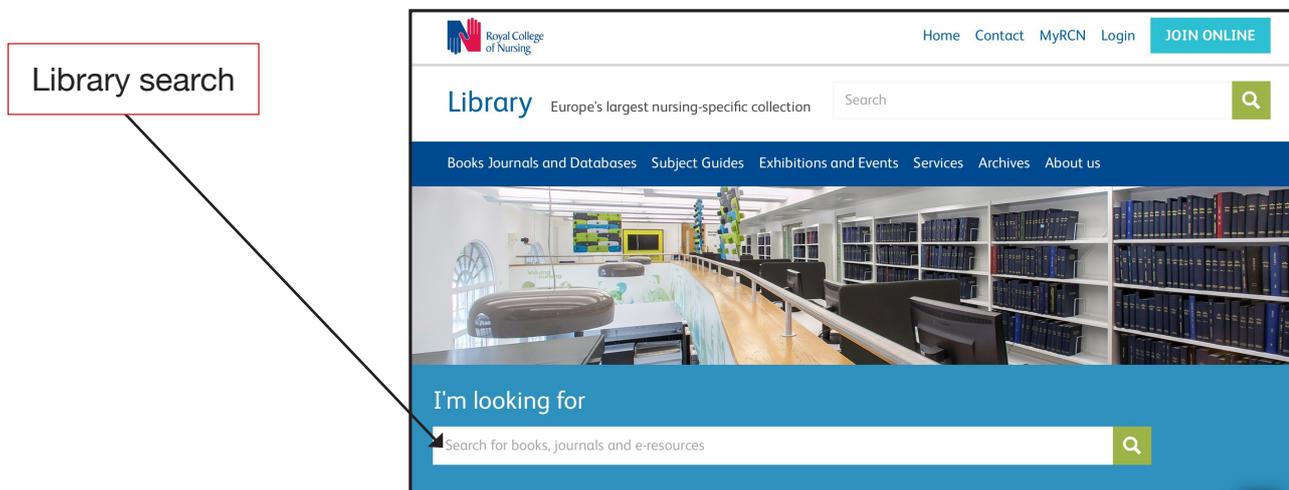
A quick guide to using Library Search

Library Search works a bit like Google and allows you to search for journal articles, books and e-books. It's a quick and easy way to find information resources on a topic. This guide shows you how to carry out a search and apply filters to refine your search results. For further information on other Library Search features, please see our YouTube video tutorial or get in touch.

Step 1

Go to www.rcn.org.uk/library

In the centre of the screen is the Library Search box



Step 2

Type in a word or a phrase into Library Search and click on the spy glass to search



Search tips

You may wish to try the following when searching:

- Think of related words e.g. elderly or older
- Search using acronyms as well as full names e.g. NHS or National Health Service

Step 3

The search results are displayed in relevance order. Use the filters on the left hand side of the screen to:

- Select full text online material only
- Scholarly and peer reviewed
- Content type e.g. journal article or book/e-book
- Date of publication

The screenshot shows a search results page for 'honey and wound care'. On the left, there is a 'REFINE YOUR SEARCH' sidebar with filters for 'Full Text Online', 'Scholarly & Peer-Review', 'CONTENT TYPE' (Book / eBook, Journal Article, Book Review, Magazine Article, Newspaper Article), and 'PUBLICATION DATE' (Last 12 Months, Last 3 years, Last 5 years). The main results area shows 5,449 results sorted by relevance. Two results are highlighted with red boxes and arrows: 'Medical Honey for Wound Care-Still the 'Latest Resort?'' and 'Honey for wound care in the 21st century'. The first result is from 'Evidence-based Complementary and Alternative Medicine' and the second is from 'Journal of Wound Care'. Both have 'Full Text Online' links and 'Preview' buttons.

Step 4

On the right hand side of the results you can get help with referencing (e.g. Harvard) and e-mail relevant results to yourself

This close-up shows the first search result: 'Medical Honey for Wound Care-Still the 'Latest Resort?'' by Simon, Arne; Traynor, Kirsten; Santos, Kai; More... from Evidence-based Complementary and Alternative Medicine, 06/2009, Volume 6, Issue 2. The text describes how ancient Egyptians and Greeks used honey for wound care. The result includes a 'Full Text Online' link and a 'Preview' button. On the right side of the result, there are icons for linking, quoting, emailing, and other actions, which are highlighted with red boxes and arrows.