



Worcestershire Health Libraries

Happy New Year!



We're excited to show you all the things we've been up to, listening to your feedback and working to improve our services and facilities for 2026 onwards.

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

We are a team of library and information professionals, here to help you find the right resources - whether it's reading for fun, academic, clinical, or research work - we're here to support you.

We also house the **Registration Agents** (Smartcard team) and operate the **Education Centre @ Kidderminster Treatment Centre**.

HELPING YOU WITH



RESEARCH SUPPORT



WELLBEING



READING FOR FUN



www.worcsacute.nhs.uk/libraries

Our Libraries

We have four library sites across the borough for you to use with just one library membership - [sign up for your free library account on our website.](#)

All of our libraries have self-service machines , fiction, and a study collection to help you, whatever your need.



Worcestor

Rowlands Health Library at Worcester Hospital is inside the Charles Hastings Education Centre.

Holding approx. 7,500 books and containing multiple PCs & study spaces to use (including four bookable pods).



Redditch

Redditch Health Library at Alexandra Hospital is inside the Arafa Education Centre.

Holding approx. 4,000 books and containing 12 PCs & 8 study spaces to use (including four bookable study rooms).

We also have a wellbeing room available to all staff.



Kidderminster

Kidderminster Health Library is inside the Education Centre at Kidderminster Treatment Centre.

Holding approx. 2,000 books and containing 4 PCs & 2 study spaces to use (including four bookable training/meeting rooms in the education centre).

We also have a wellbeing pod available to all staff.



Evesham

Evesham library space is inside the Education Centre at Evesham Community Hospital.

We have a small collection of books and 2 PCs available.

Staff aren't based at this site, but we can go over if requested for appointments/events.

Library Team Updates



We're using KnowledgeShare

KnowledgeShare is a system which delivers highly targeted, personalised evidence updates to hundreds or thousands of members with little effort.

We use it to put information in your hands quickly - collating your **literature search requests**, signing users up for **current awareness** and for **table of contents alerts** - we can tailor how much or how little information you want to receive - see more information [here](#).



KnowledgeShare



LITERATURE SEARCHES



CURRENT AWARENESS



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Did you know?

2026 is officially the Year of Reading!



The National Year of Reading 2026 is a campaign that will engage new audiences in reading, encourage reading for pleasure and change the nation's reading culture for good.

Check out our fiction and wellbeing items in our libraries and start today.

Learn about the campaign here:
www.nationalyearofreading.org.uk

What are we reading?

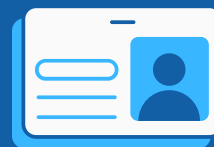
Our latest reads...



You can find a selection of fiction titles at each library or via the catalogue.



Smart Card Updates



The library team also hosts Registration Authority Agents (RA Agents)

These staff members work to produce and troubleshoot issues with your Worcestershire Acute Trust Smartcards.

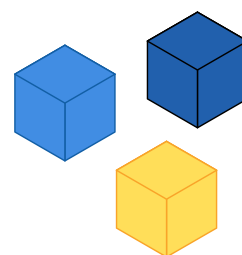
Do I need a smartcard?

Your line manager will start an application for you if you do need a smartcard, and then the RA team will be in touch to start the process.

Can I use an old smartcard?

This depends on your smartcard type - get in touch with our team and we can check for you!

e-mail us: wah-tr.Smartcards@nhs.net>



Did you know?

The RA team have been setting up new card printers - we're constantly investing in digital innovations and keeping operations as smooth as can be.

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smartcards were issued in 2025



Find out more:

Click on our website page for more information: find more about the service, and how to unlock and renew your smartcard.

[Smart Cards/Registration Authority - Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust](#)



Spotlight on: Library Learning Zone



Did you know?

We have a self-help zone on our website.

You can always pop in and see us in one of the libraries, or drop us an e-mail, but our online **Learning Zone** is a great first stop to refresh yourself on many topics from wherever you are.

Our librarians can help you with a range of topics.



THE LEARNING ZONE COVERS:

INTRO TO SEARCHING ONLINE

ACADEMIC WRITING & REFERENCING

HEALTH LITERACY

INTRO TO CRITICAL APPRAISAL

LITERATURE SEARCHING: E-LEARNING COURSE



Need help?

We're can discuss any issues you're facing whether it's using one of our resources, refreshing on referencing or you're looking for something more bespoke.

Face-to-face, via email, or in-person appointments can be arranged with our librarians.

Contact our team via the [website](#).



#hello my name is...



Worcestershire
Acute Hospitals
NHS Trust

Nick

Anatomy Skeleton

Hi, I'm Nick the Anatomy Skeleton.

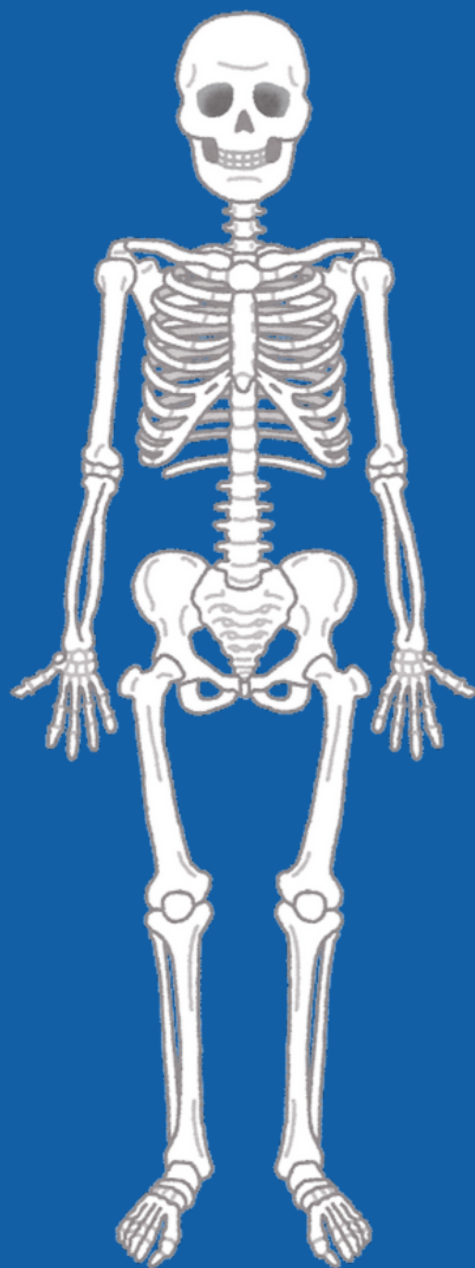
I'm based over at Kidderminster Education Centre and I'm doing my bit to help students and staff learn about the human body.

You can loan me for your teaching sessions or workshops, just let the library staff know else they'll be looking for me! I don't want to be accused of being BONE IDLE... haha.

I enjoy seeing all our students and staff and I try to stay passionate and HUMERUS about the job, having been a part of the team for many years.

Okay, the puns will stop now.

Pop in to see me and you might even spot me promoting our seasonal activities, event t-shirts or other fun items.



When does a skeleton laugh?



When someone tickles his funny bone.

We want to hear from you



Staff & Student feedback needed.

Get in touch and send your suggestions to us for consideration - we're here to help you.

Fill in our 2026 Student Library Survey.

This short survey is part of a master's dissertation exploring student experiences of library spaces, resources, and support.



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