

Library Newsletter

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Raymond King
Library Services Manager

My name is Raymond King

and I am delighted to say that I joined Oxford Health at the beginning of July as Library Services Manager. Feel free to call me Ray.

I started working in libraries in 2010 and almost immediately realised that I wanted to remain within the library profession for the rest of my career. For me it had everything, from the traditional print library to innovative technological developments and the ability to support and help a variety of different users. There is something special about the feel and atmosphere of the physical library and the printed book, but beyond this

it is an area in constant development. At the time it was e-books which were changing the academic landscape and in more recent times AI has had a huge impact on libraries and information literacy as well as on many professions, healthcare included. Libraries therefore offered both an opportunity to be part of these innovative technologies as well as being grounded by the traditional library setting.

I obtained a master's degree from Robert Gordon University in 2014 in Library and Information Studies via long distance study and in 2012, I moved into library management. Soon after this I was managing both Library and IT services. This was all in the Education sector in Academic libraries which covered both further and higher education, but this is my first time working for the NHS. I am really excited about being here and working with such an established, friendly and professional team. Healthcare is always going to be a critical service for us all and having the opportunity to contribute to and support this is a privilege in itself.

Outside of work, I live in Chipping Norton with my partner of 17 years. We have two daughters together, and two cats which keep me out of trouble. I try to spend as much time as I can outdoors and we go camping several times a year. I love to play tennis, squash, swim and read (as you might well expect!). I collect first edition books, mainly from the last fifty years and tend to favour the science fiction and fantasy genres.

Please feel free to drop me a line Raymond.King@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk either just to say hi or if you have any questions about the library services here.

Whiteleaf Library drop-in session

We'll be hosting library drop-ins at the **Whiteleaf Library on Wednesday 9th September from 10 to 11.30am**. Staff and students are welcome to stop by with any questions about finding and using books, articles, or other library resources. Bertha will be on hand and happy to help.

If you'd prefer a drop-in session at your practice instead, just let us know and we can arrange it.



Bertha Calles Cartas
Assistant Library
Manager/ Outreach
Librarian



Vicki Farmilo
Outreach Librarian

Supporting Your Research Journey

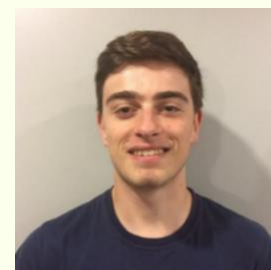
It goes without saying that, as Librarians, we are obviously massive advocates for **evidence-based practice**. A lot of our time as Outreach Librarians is spent helping all of you out there in the Trust to make your practice more evidence based.

We're here to carry out your **literature searches**, help with **critical appraisal** of all those tricky to read academic papers and, if you decide to go ahead and publish your research, or are working towards a qualification, then we can help with things like **referencing** too.

Out beyond the Library, our colleagues in research engagement – Benita Olivier and Lucy Speakman - are keen to hear from you what other support you all need from your Trust to get more involved in research. If you can spare five minutes, please help your Trust to help you by [completing their survey](#) which is open until the end of this month.

The Staff Book Club

I'm pleased to announce our next book club selection: **Lost Connections: Uncovering the Real Causes of Depression – and the Unexpected Solutions** by Johann Hari.



Tom Rogers

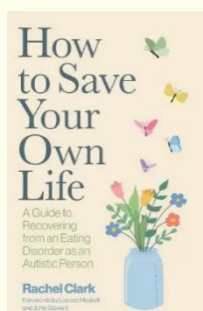
Senior Library
Assistant

Lost Connections opens important conversations about mental health and what genuine recovery might look like, which is particularly relevant given our day-to-day work.

Book is available in all formats [here](#) and 5 copies are available via inter-library loan on a first come, first served basis.

Discussion meeting on **Monday, 28th September at 13:00**: please save the date and feel free to invite any colleagues who might be interested!

Rachel Clark - Author talks



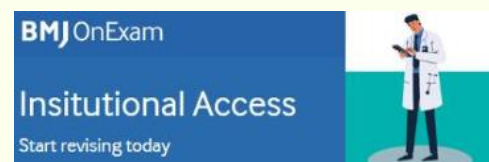
Join author **Rachel Clark** for a lunchtime talk on her book ***How to Save Your Own Life: A Guide to Recovering from an Eating Disorder as an Autistic Person***.

- Wednesday 9th September 📍 **Whiteleaf** Library 🕒 12:00–13:00
- Thursday 10th September 📍 **Warneford** Library 🕒 12:00–13:00
- Thursday 8th October 📍 **Littlemore** Library 🕒 12:00–13:00

[Let us know if you will be attending](#)

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