Resources and Tutorials for Global Health

There are a vast number of resources that are accessible from the Health Sciences Library’s homepage, http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/. On the right of the page you will see a list of Top Resources. Use these to gain access to the listed databases/indices.

Below are tutorial links for resources selected from the Top Resources list (above), of special interest to public health students. A handful of other relevant resources are also included:

Access Medicine provides full text to several electronic medical textbooks. View online videos covering select medical topics. A simple search box feature is available to type your query: http://accessmedicine.mhmedical.com/


Cochrane Library is a database which features systematic reviews in many subject areas. From the link below you can select ‘Cochrane Library—an introduction; Cochrane Library—Search & MeSH’ http://www.cochranelibrary.com/help/how-to-use-cochrane-library.html

Ebsco CINAHL is the ‘Cumulative Index to the Nursing and Allied Health Literature’. Training videos are available at: http://support.ebsco.com/training/flash_videos/intro_to_ehost/intro_to_ehost.html

Embase is a comprehensive biomedical literature database, based in Amsterdam. It may be accessed here: http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio10876993
Tutorials for Embase are available at: http://help.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/4686/p/9754/c/9540,9542

OECD Library (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) features books, articles, statistical information and more: http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/

Ovid Medline is a biomedical database similar to PubMed, but presented on another search platform. Tutorials are available at http://www.ovid.com/site/support/training.jsp

Oxford Bibliographies (view reference works in a number of disciplines; browse a discipline by subject area): http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/


ProQuest Statistical Insight (search a number of databases at once or select from the databases tab on the top of the page): http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?APK8288

PsycInfo search the mental health literature: http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?ALD2284
PubMed is a biomedical database produced by the National Library of Medicine. See ‘Quick Tours’ for brief tutorials of this database; visit the tutorials for MeSH—Medical Subject Headings, and My NCBI to help you save searches and organize your search results.
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/disted/pubmed.html#qtex

Web of Science provides information in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities; for brief tutorials on how to use this platform, click the following link:
http://wokinfo.com/training_support/training/

Other resources:

Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce:
http://phpartners.org/hp2020/

World Health Organization (tab for Data):
http://www.who.int/en/

Citation management tools: Endnote, Mendeley, Papers, F1000, Zotero
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/citation-management-tools

Lynda.com (A gateway to a variety of tutorials):
http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio9489955

Obtaining materials:

Locate the full-text of articles with Columbia e-link; learn more here:
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/understanding-elink
If e-link doesn’t work you may make your request for articles and books at this link:
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/how-get-resources-other-libraries

Study spaces:

Find a Study Room:
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/find-study-room
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/library-floorplan

To reserve a group study room:
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/book-group-study-room

Additional Assistance:

Visit the Health Sciences Library’s Homepage at: http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/ and select links under ‘Ask a Question’ section to:
• Get an email response: http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/ask-question
• Drop in during on-call hours or reserve time with an Informationist:
  http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/informationist-availability

Or give us a call at (212)305-3605; we’re happy to help you!

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