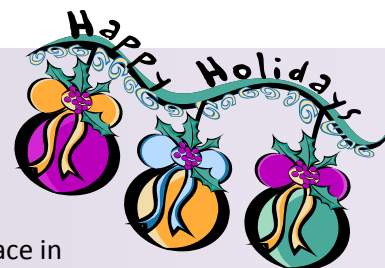




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The first phase of implementation of the new library management system took place in August 2011 and saw the introduction of a sophisticated new system for library lending, requesting and document delivery together with a new-look, modern online library catalogue.

The next phase, due to be implemented in February 2012, will see the introduction of a radically new way of searching for library resources. Based on the Encore Synergy product from Innovative Interfaces, the new system will be more 'Google-like'. From a simple search box you will see results from the library catalogue (showing books and journals available from the library) and also articles from key resources to which the library subscribes, including full-text articles.

Results can be limited in various ways including by date, format, location, and tag. If you make a typo the system will suggest the most likely term intended, and the tag cloud will allow you to link quickly to results for related search terms. You will be able to add items to a cart, request items (where appropriate), and save items to a list or email them.

At the same time you will still be able to avail of the traditional Boolean search capabilities and *My Account* features of the classic library catalogue, and you will still be able to connect directly to specific databases for detailed research.

From the responses to the user survey carried out by the library earlier this year we are conscious that users find the current system cumbersome and involving too many steps and multiple windows. The new Encore system should offer a simpler, more intuitive experience with improved functionality.

In addition, we plan to integrate the honni website with Encore and the traditional library catalogue as much as possible so that the need to move between interfaces is minimised. This will inevitably involve significant changes to the existing honni website, though we will try to retain the same basic look and feel that everyone is familiar with.

We hope the new system will be easier to use and provide better support for HSC staff.

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Don't forget to renew your Library membership

Remember that you can only avail of library services and access library resources if you are a registered member of the Medical & Healthcare Library.

Membership is free and open to all HSC employees. It is normally for 3 years but you can renew it repeatedly as long as you are still an HSC employee in Northern Ireland.

A reminder will be sent to you by the library about a month before your membership is due to expire. If it is not renewed before the expiry date then your access to subscribed resources will cease. Renewal is easy at www.honni.qub.ac.uk/Membership/OnlineRenewal/.



Requesting becomes popular

Readers in Antrim Healthcare Library have discovered the benefits of using the **Place Request** option currently located under *My Account* in the Library Catalogue.

There was a significant increase in the number of book and journal article requests received by the library online during October 2011. These requests are processed by library staff and material is then forwarded to readers either in print or, often in the case of journal articles, via email within a short period of time.

One reader explained:

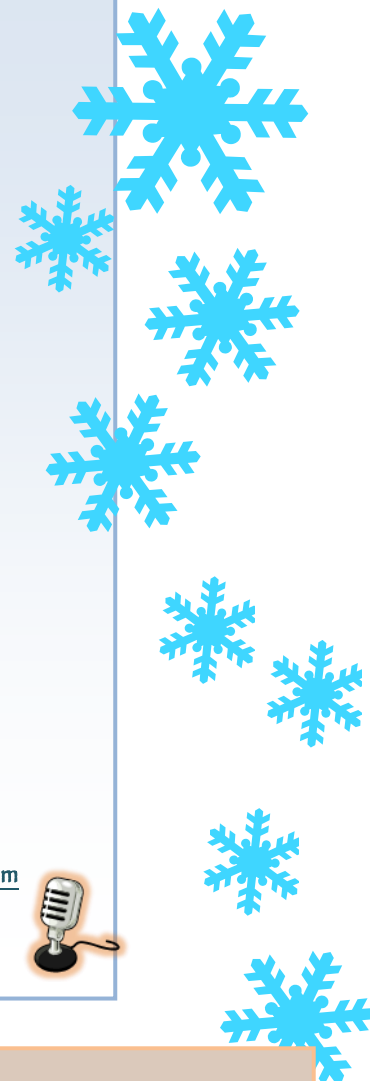
"...it really takes the pressure off knowing that I don't have to make a trip to the library to order material is really helpful as I live so far away from Antrim. It's also convenient to be able to order online, in my own time and from home through honni, as like all busy practitioners, I simply don't get the time at work"

This facility is ideally suited to help meet the information needs of employees working from widely dispersed locations in the Trusts across Northern Ireland. With the **Place Request** option it doesn't matter where you work or live, you can access it easily through honni.

A guide to Online Requesting via honni is available at www.honni.qub.ac.uk/BookDocumentSupply/MakingaRequest/OnlineRequesting/. Book requests are free; there is a charge of 50p for each article request which is added to your library account.

The Place Request facility is available to all HSC employees in the province. If not already a member, join the library (www.honni.qub.ac.uk/membership).

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EBSCOhost on your mobile

Did you know that you can access EBSCOhost resources via your mobile devices such as an iPhone?

EBSCOhost provides honni users with access to such databases as CinahlPlus, Health Business and Psychology & Behavioural Sciences. Log on to any of the EBSCOhost resources via honni as normal and, along the bottom of the screen you will see a link to the iPhone and Android applications (as shown below). Simply click on this and follow the instructions.

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