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### What's in the library?

HSIS newsletter subscribers and clients who completed our online survey this summer helped us select the titles from three different vendors. This year's library of E-books ranges from classic specialty texts such as *Adams and Victor's Principles of Neurology* to nursing standbys like *Nursing Diagnosis Reference Manual*. However, we have added a host of other great titles. One exciting addition is the 2005 *Guide to Culturally Competent Health Care*. Chapters for thirty different ethnic groups cover family roles and organization, biocultural ecology, high risk health behaviors, nutrition, pregnancy and childbirth practices, rituals, and healthcare practices and beliefs. Many valuable cultural insights are given. There are also two palliative care titles: *Healing and the Grief Process* and *Healing the Dying*. Researchers and writers will be happy to find *Grant Application Writer's Handbook* and *Writing for the Health Professions* on offer too. All books have been sorted into four general subject areas: Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health, and Drugs.

### How to access


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### Farewell, adieu, auf Wiedersehen, goodnight!

These were the parting words of our beloved Keema, queen of the scanner, photocopier and bindery orders, as she left HSIS to give a final big push to finishing her BA in English. Beyond that she just wants to write. However, with her many talents, we're betting she's on her way somewhere pretty awesome!

We'll miss her infectious smile, spontaneous bursts of sweet song and total enthusiasm for life, but we wish her all the best for her adventures ahead!

