Pathfinder for Productive Aging

Scope

The purpose of the pathfinders created by the staff of the Wilma L. West Library is to provide occupational therapy practitioners and students, as well as consumers, starting points from which to begin to do research about a topic. A pathfinder is not a comprehensive listing of available resources but a guide to specific and reliable sources of information.

Introduction to the topic

“Leaders in the aging field are using the term productive aging to celebrate older adults’ capabilities, potential, and social and economic contributions. (Other terms include vital, creative, successful, optimal, active, or healthy aging.) Productive aging means continuing to live life.” Retrieved from Creativity matters: The Arts and Aging Toolkit website on August 5, 2014 http://artsandaging.org/index.php?id=7.

Online databases

**AgeLine (EBSCO)**
This resource focuses exclusively on the population aged 50 and over on issues of aging. As a premier source for social gerontology literature, this database includes aging-related content from the health sciences, psychology, sociology, social work, economics and public policy. *AgeLine* also includes information for professionals working in aging-related fields and for consumers.

**OT SEARCH**
OT Search contains over 41,000 citations for occupational therapy literature and related subject areas dating from the early 1900’s. Citations may include links to full-text content. It is a subscription-based service.

**PubMed**
PubMed comprises more than 20 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Citations may include links to full-text content from PubMed Central and publisher web sites. Access to this government-supported database is free.

Reference resources (print and electronic)


**Associations, Foundations, and Organizations**

AARP

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Healthy Aging Network (CHC-HAN)

MacArthur Foundation. Research Network on an Aging Society

National Council on Aging. Center for Health Aging

National Institute on Aging. NIHSeniorHealth

**American Occupational Therapy Association**


**Articles on the role of occupational therapy**


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