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 January 6, 2018 http://artsandaging.org/?s=Chapters&q=productive+aging.)

Online databases

AgeLine (EBSCO)

This database focuses exclusively on issues of aging and the population of people aged 50 years and older. Updated on a weekly basis, AgeLine is the premier online resource for social gerontology research.

OT SEARCH

OT Search contains over 46,200 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 27 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 (American Association for Retired Persons)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Healthy Aging

MacArthur Foundation. Research Network on an Aging Society

National Council on Aging. Center for Health Aging

National Institute on Aging

**American Occupational Therapy Association**


**Articles on the role of occupational therapy**


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