Online Library Orientation for Nursing – Databases

1. Think of a topic or question to research. Identify keywords for your topic, include synonyms.
2. Log into CINAHL from the Foley Library website. Search with some of the keywords you identified.
   a) Select an article from your results list and open the Detailed Record.
   b) Read the abstract.
   c) Look at the subject headings.
   d) Check for other significant information.
   e) The Detailed Record will help you decide if an article is appropriate for your research. Always read the abstract of an article, but also look for other important information such as the language and document type (research article, book review, conference paper, etc.)
   f) Use CINAHL Subject Headings to browse for subject headings on your topic. Are they different from your keywords? Try some in a search.
   g) Refine your search by adding limits: peer reviewed, date, subject headings, etc.

3. Try a search in PubMed using some of the tips you learned in the two videos.
4. Set up a My NCBI account in PubMed and connect PubMed to Periodicals@Foley.
5. Go to Periodicals@Foley and search for the journal Nursing Made Incredibly Easy! or another periodical of your choice. Is it online?
6. Use Periodicals@Foley to find the full text of this specific article.
7. Try finding the full text of that same article using Foley's Library Search.