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The purpose of this research was to study the use of library services, the needs and problems in using the library services of nursing college students in Private Higher Education Institutions.

The results of this study were : the nursing students used the library three times per week, and had an experience in using the library from secondary school; their purposes in coming to the library were to use general books, periodicals, magazines, and newspapers, and either to do homework or reports. Thai newspapers was used the most. It was also found that the most used service was circulation.

The publication types most needed were Thai newspapers, handbooks, educational handbooks and Thai magazines. The services needed most by the students were photocopying and circulation; further needs and requested services were rest areas, study carrels and extended hours of the library service.

The common problems that students faced were to use the circulation, photocopying services and the books on general topic. Furthermore, the students also were faced with the limited space, insufficient seats, bothering noise, insufficient personnel, lack of public relations and finally there were no library maps for the users.