

The Library and Information Service

Services for Members

Location

The Library and its services are available to all Fellows, Members and inceptors of the College. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 09.30 to 16.30. Most of the book and current journal stock is on open access in the Library which is situated on the first floor, while the Library Office and storage cupboards house records and reserve stock. Non-current journals and a small French and German collection are shelved in the Members' and Council Rooms on closed access. The Library can be contacted on 0171-235-2351, ext. 138, or by facsimile on 0171-245-1231.

Books

The collection consists of works on psychiatry as well as related subjects such as psychology and the neurosciences. The Quick Reference section contains standard dictionaries, directories and handbooks. Most of the Library's 6000 books, with the exception of the reference collection and the older valuable works, are available for loan to Members residing within the United Kingdom. Books may be borrowed in person: there is no postal loan service. The normal loan period is four weeks and borrowers are limited to a maximum of six books at a time. Books may be returned by post.

Journals

Currently the Library takes over 90 titles. A list of the journal holdings is available to Members. Although journals are not loaned, photocopies of articles can be supplied.

Photocopying

Photocopies may be requested in person, by post, telephone or fax. All photocopying is done within the terms of the current Copyright Act and copyright declaration forms must be completed to comply with this. Members are entitled to 50 pages of photocopying free per annum, after which a charge will be made.

Literature searches

The Library staff are always willing to assist Members with research. Literature searches can be undertaken using Medline, ClinPsych, and Excerpta Medica (Psychiatry and Neurosciences sections) on CD-ROM. In addition, the Library has its own database of papers from the *British Journal of Psychiatry* and *Psychiatric Bulletin*. Library staff will be happy to advise Members who wish to carry out their own searches. Members are entitled to four free searches per annum, after which a charge will be made.

The College records

Historical records a computerised index to the College records dating from 1841 has been prepared and searches concerning the history of the College are undertaken. The Archivist is available on Thursday and Friday.

Current the Library maintains an ongoing computerised index of current College policies, statements, etc. A printed index to the main policy documents is available.

Historical material

The Library holds a small but notable collection of material of interest to researchers studying the history of psychiatry. The collection of 600 rare books includes early editions of Bartholomaeus Anglicus' *De Proprietatibus Rerum* (1483), Timothy Bright's *A Treatise of Melancholy* (1586) and Thomas Willis' *Cerebri Anatomie* (1664). The non-book collection includes 19th and 20th century newscuttings, photographs and asylum plans. Question papers from the College mental nursing examinations and registers of successful candidates, 1891-1951, are also held.

Library publications

Printouts have been produced from the Library's computerised databases. All are available from the College Publications Department, and/or the BMA Bookshop:

Index to Statements, Guidelines and Policy Documents of the College (1971–1989), with annual supplements. OP 6. £2.50.

List of Books Suitable for a Psychiatric Library (1994) OP 26. £2.00.

Reading List for Trainees: Basic Sciences (1993) OP 21. £2.00.

Reading List for Trainees: General Psychiatry (1995) OP 28. £2.50.

Psychiatric Associations of the World (1995), OP 29. £5.00.

Library staff

Elizabeth M Nokes, MA ALA
Margaret Harcourt Williams (Archivist)
Josephine Kavanagh
Honorary Librarian: Dr Ian Pullen.

Notice

At the Library Committee's meeting in June, the future development of the Library and Information service was discussed, and we would now like to seek Members' views on how the service should develop.

What services do Members want the Library to supply? What materials should it be collecting? What areas of information technology should it develop?

If you have comments or suggestions to make, on the future development of the Library, the Library committee would welcome them.

Please make your comments in writing to the Temporary Librarian, Miss Elizabeth M. Nokes, via the College.

Recent donations

We wish to thank the following author-Members and others, who have generously donated copies of their works to the College Library.

The last such acknowledgement appeared in the January 1995 issue of the *Psychiatric Bulletin*: there has therefore been a long gap. We apologise if any Member has been overlooked, and, if notified of it, will do our best to rectify the omission.

British Council, *Guide to Postgraduate Degrees, Diplomas and Courses in Medicine 1996*

British Medical Association, *Assessment of Mental Capacity, Guidance for Doctors and Lawyers*

Kevin Brown, *The Leavesden Hospital Story, 1870–1995*

Dr J. Catalan, *Psychological Medicine of HIV Infection*

Dr David H. Clark, *Descent into Conflict, 1945. A Doctor's War*

Dr Christopher Cordess & Dr Murray Cox, *Forensic Psychotherapy*

Dr J. H. Downson, *Personality Disorders Recognition and Clinical Management*

Dr S. Fernando, *Mental Health in a multi-ethnic Society. A Multi-Disciplinary Handbook*

Dr M. Fitzgerald, *Irish Families Under Stress*, Vol. 4

Dr M. Gopfert, *Parental Psychiatric Disorder*

Dr L. Holmes, *Introduction to Psychoanalysis, contemporary Theory and Practice*

Dr Tony Maden, *Women, Prisons and Psychiatry: Mental Disorder Behind Bars*

Dr Peter J McKenna, *Purchasing Care for Patients with Schizophrenia*

Professor E. Murphy, *Geriatric Psychiatry: Key Research Topics for Clinicians*

Professor D. J. Nutt, *Benzodiazepine Receptor Inverse Agonists*

Professor D. J. Nutt, *Clinical Psychiatry, Hypnotics and Anxolytics*

Eric H. Pryor, *A Pictorial Review of Claybury Hospital*

Dr Peter Reder, *Assessment of Parenting, Psychiatric and Psychological Contributions*

Dr Mary Robertson, *Psychiatry at a Glance*

Dr A. Ryle, *Cognitive Analytic Therapy, Developments in Theory and Practice*

Professor Tsiantis, *The Children of the Leros Asylum*

Dr Michael Trimble, *Biological Psychiatry* 2nd edn

Dr Sula Wolff, *Loners: The Life Path of Unusual Children*

Adina Wroblewski, *Suicide: Survivors. A Guide for those Left Behind*

Adina Wroblewski, *Suicide: Why? 85 Questions and Answers About Suicide*

We also wish to thank Dr Connell, who gave a collection of a number of items to the College Library, in the spring of 1995.

This list is an acknowledgement of donors, not a current awareness or latest acquisitions list. If members are interested in the publications listed, they are welcome to contact the Library, which can supply full bibliographic details from the database.