- It should be part of a nurse's professional development to show awareness of the sources of nursing information as well as their use and the need to keep up to date.
- The LA would welcome the opportunity to be fully involved in the development of PREPP.

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## The Disability Interest Librarians Group

Most of the librarians in this group work for national charities. We support each other in coping with new technology and the stresses peculiar to working for a 'good cause'. Although most are members of the MHWLG, we needed a smaller informal group, too. In our work as librarians we have a lot in common. We research and provide a specialised information service to the staff and users of the organisations we serve. We have skills, experience and subject knowledge of the growing and extensive literature about disability. Our combined expertise and knowledge is a valuable resource, which could be made available to and through other librarians. The literature is good, growing and needs promoting. Understanding the handicapping effects of a variety of disabilities can enable librarians to combat the unequal opportunities evident to disabled people (on either side of the counter) in libraries.

Promoting disability awareness in the library school curriculum is a long term aim. Meanwhile we have run a successful study day **The Accessible Librarian** at the Polytechnic of North London, which we will repeat at the Library Association on 8 November 1991. Contact Philippa Lane.\*

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