

Micro Librarian Circulation System

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The Nightingale School of Nursing uses the Micro Librarian system mentioned in Paul Moorbath's article **Computerised Library Management Packages Compared** in the Autumn issue of NIS Newsletter.

On the whole, we are very satisfied with the package. Its biggest drawback is that key words are limited to 16 characters which is sometimes not enough for medical terminology. It is user friendly and quick for new staff to learn.

The new 3.0c version still does not allow for serials management. However, there is a facility for setting up key word and author searches on any terminals within a network. It is also possible to spool information on to an ASCII file which can then be transmitted on a floppy disk or via Electronic Mail from one site to another.

Should anyone wish to see the system in operation or want to ask questions about it, please feel free to contact me at the above address or on 071-928 9292, ext 3410/5.

Recent literature of interest

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