

leave next year, which I am due to start in December, although I'm looking forward to having a girl this time.

More information about University of Dundee library services can be found at [www.dundee.ac.uk/library/](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/library/)

## **News and Reviews**

### **LfN News**

#### **Libraries for Nursing Event, 12 November 2004, Royal College of Nursing, London**

The next LfN Event 'Are we being served: core issues in collection development' will take place at the Royal College of Nursing in London, encompassing the broad theme of resources and collection development practices.

A speaker from NeLH is already confirmed and further speakers will be confirmed in due course. The day will also see the launch of the new core collection of nursing titles.

If you would like further information or you would like to book a place, please contact:

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## The HLG conference, 6-8 September 2004

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Libraries for Nursing (LfN) was well represented at the CILIP Health Libraries Group (HLG) conference held at the Waterfront hall in Belfast. The title was 'Variety is the spice of LIFE (libraries and information for evidence)'. We had a stand in the exhibition hall which attracted quite a lot of people. We were ideally placed next to both HLG and Information for the Management of Healthcare (IFMH).

LfN hosted a slot on the Monday afternoon entitled: 'Vignettes for nursing library practice'. We had a variety of speakers:

- Librarians and nurses working together - a North American perspective  
*Sarah Greenley, Information Specialist, Clinical Evidence, BMJ Publishing*
- The Marie Curie library service  
*Joanne Thomson, Library and Information Services Manager, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Scotland and Sarah Lewis-Newton, Liverpool*
- INO and Nurse2Nurse Library and Information Services  
*Muriel Haire, Librarian/N2N Administrator, Irish Nurses Organisation, Dublin*
- 'The same but different'  
*Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) library services in Northern Ireland.*
  - 'The library service contract between the DHSSPS and QUB' (Queens University Belfast)  
*Hazel Neale, Assistant Librarian, QUB, Craigavon Area Hospital Group Trust*

- 'Implementing the contract in a multidisciplinary trust library'  
*Rosina Doherty-Allan, Trust Librarian, Multidisciplinary Education Centre, Altnagelvin Hospitals Health & Social Services Trust*
- 'Overview of in-service education and library service provision'  
*Rosemary Cassidy, Librarian, Nursing & Midwifery Education Unit, Beeches Management Centre, Ulster Hospital Site.*
- Royal College of Nursing Library and Information Services: evolving services to meet members' needs  
*Caroline Lynch, Information Services Assistant Librarian, Royal College of Nursing*
- Health Promotion Department, Westcare, Northern Ireland - Outline of the work of the service  
*Patricia Concannon, Resource & Information Officer, Resource & Graphics Centre*
- Blue Trunk Libraries in Africa  
*Jean Shaw, Partnership in Health Information*
- An overview of the work of Libraries for Nursing ( LfN)  
*Jane Shelley, Anglia Polytechnic University*



LfN Stand, HLG Conference

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our speakers for taking part in the conference and also to Maureen Dwyer for helping to organise the LfN session. The LfN committee was also represented by Rosemary Cassidy, Maureen Dwyer, Sarah Greenley, Lori Havard, Caroline Lynch and Jane Shelley.

Key note speeches were delivered by a wide range of speakers (Margaret Haines, the CILIP president and Clive Gowdy, Permanent Secretary, DHSSPS and T. Scott Plutchak, from the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham, USA to name just a few) and also plenary, interactive and break out sessions.

Key themes from the conference were e-learning and the use of IT in enhancing library and information services and helping users to gain information literacy skills, teaching and training skills, the use of virtual and managed learning environments and online tutorials, the general pace of change in both the health care and information and library fields, the need for all library and information professionals to undertake CPD and to keep pace with developments, locally, nationally and internationally and to learn from other sectors.

The venue of the Waterfront Hall, on the banks for the river Lagan, was very impressive and having the chance to see even a small part of Belfast was interesting, including the wonderful architecture of the city hall, where the conference dinner was held.

The conference was very interesting and we hope to have some individual write ups in our next issue of bulletin. Further information on the programme including links to many of the PowerPoint presentations can be found on the HLG website at: <http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/hlg/conf.html>



### **Nursing & Midwifery: core books for collection development**

The third edition of this book is being published in autumn 2004. The book is published by Tomlinsons, and supported by Libraries for Nursing (LfN) and the Royal College of Nursing. Of the selection and compilation team, three members were LfN committee members – Lori Havard, Rupert Williams and Jane Shelley. The other members of the compilation team were Elspeth Everitt and Diane Beckett. We also had help from Mary Dharmachandran for the midwifery section and Roger Tomlinson for the overall data inputting, layout and publishing of the book.

Published by Tomlinsons, price £5.00, ISBN: 0953261514.

Available from: Tomlinsons book service, Unit 1, Invicta Business Park, London Road, Wrotham, Kent, TN15 7RJ. Tel: 01732 884455 / Fax: 01732884615

Web site: [www.tomlinsons.net](http://www.tomlinsons.net)

### **NeLH News**

<http://www.nelh.nhs.uk>

NeLH carried out a series of live roadshows over the summer and now have the facility for those unable to attend to view "virtual roadshows".

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/virtualroadshow.asp>

The virtual roadshow allows you to download the presentations from the roadshows, with email links to each presenter. There is also a web form for collecting your thoughts, ideas and questions on the National Library for Health and responses will be collected and analysed.

## BIOME News

<http://biome.ac.uk>

A new updated version of "Internet Resources for Health Medicine" booklet is now available, as well as revamped Gateway and BIOME leaflets. To order booklets and leaflets, see details on the BIOME website.

25,000 resources are now available on BIOME and to aid access to resources, a BIOME search box can now be easily placed on your own websites. For more information, see: <http://biome.ac.uk/about/contribute.html>

## Book Reviews

### The online version of 'Managing knowledge in health services'

Booth, A & Walton, G (eds) (2000) *Managing knowledge in health services*. London: Facet Publishing.  
(ISBN 0856043215)

This book is now out of print but is available online at the following web address:  
<http://www.shef.ac.uk/scharr/mkhs/index.htm>

This book covers a variety of topics from health services, knowledge and health information to information skills and is written by a variety of authors. Chapters range from looking at users' needs, marketing and evaluating services to selecting resources, training and searching the Internet.