

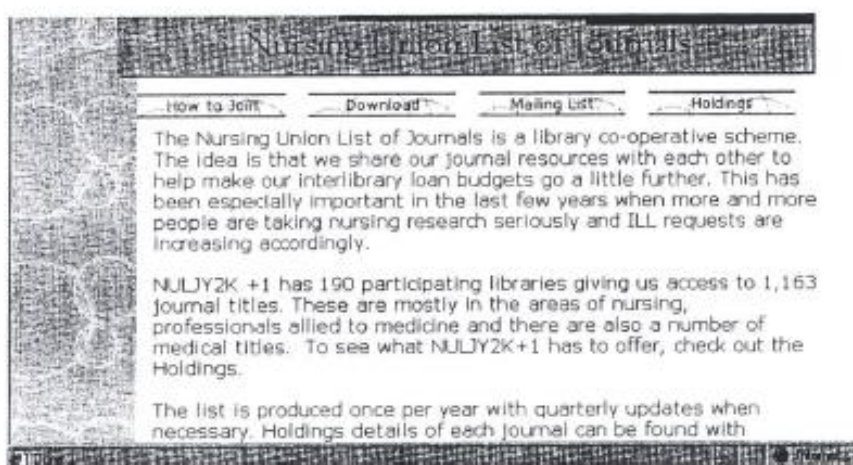
## NULJ - Libraries for Nursing Sponsorship

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The Nursing Union List of Journals is a library co-operative scheme. The idea is that participating libraries share their journal resources with each other to help make interlibrary loan budgets go a little further. Libraries in the scheme range from large university libraries to small "one man band" operations. A number of the libraries are childrens' hospitals, charity libraries such as Age Concern or voluntary organisations.

No small libraries are turned away from the scheme, and everyone shares their resources freely whether they have ten titles or a thousand. The scheme is designed so that workload is shared and anyone who has

difficulties are encouraged to let us know and we can make amendments using the NULJ's mailing list.

In 2001 NULJ has 190 participating libraries and provides access to 1,163 journal titles. These are mostly in the areas of nursing, but there are journals relating to allied health professionals and there are also a number of medical titles.

The cost of the scheme is deliberately kept low and there is structured pricing. If libraries will download their copy directly from the web, it will only cost £40, whereas if they wish to have a print copy it will cost £50. There is also a floppy disk version at £45.

Sponsorship helps to keep this price low, as the professional staff time needed to compile the list and keep it running throughout the year is considerable. Even though the scheme is labour intensive, we feel that it is extremely worth continuing because of the vast wealth of resources that the health community in the UK are willing to share.

We are very pleased to have had the kind sponsorship of Libraries for Nursing, which has recognized, in this way, the part that the NULJ plays in nursing education and research. We also hope that the fact that the LfN logo is displayed in the NULJ, on our publicity material and on our website that this helps, in some small way, to alert people to the work of LfN. The publication also contains information about LfN and contact numbers for anyone interested.

The only reason the scheme exists is to help enhance the quality of nursing research for the students in our institutions and afford better care to the patients in our hospitals.