

## *International Nursing Librarianship*

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Libraries for Nursing have a number of overseas members and we recently asked them if they would be willing to contribute a short piece about their services for publication in the *Bulletin*. Mrs Gita Thapa, Deputy Librarian at the Tribhuvan University Institute of Medicine Nursing Campus Library in Kathmandu kindly sent us some information. What follows is an edited version of her guide to the library.

#### **Introduction**

The Institute of Medicine Nursing Campus Library was started in 1972 when the Institute of Medicine was established. At that time the library was a small room with a small collection. There were no separate staff to run the library and the library was run by the users who were campus teachers. They borrowed and returned the books and maintained a register by themselves. From 1978 the library gradually became more organised as trained staff were employed.

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of the Library are:

- To facilitate the teaching/learning of students, teachers, researchers and other interested people
- To give orientation to each batch of new students and staff
- To provide learning materials and an appropriate environment as per the need of each user
- To provide information using MEDLINE and other CD ROM searches
- To guide Bachelor in Nursing and Master in Nursing students in literature searching and putting together bibliographies for research pur-

### **Activities**

The activities of the library include:

- Preparing library rules and regulations according to need through the library committee
- Acquiring books, journals, documents and other teaching/learning materials
- Managing a small mobile library for students in community practice
- Keeping the books, documents, journals and other learning materials in a technical standard
- Collecting of overdue fees
- Preparing the bibliography of research reports
- Distribution of library cards to borrowers
- Providing photocopying services
- Maintaining records/reports of library activities

### **Library Personnel and opening hours and collection**

The library is open Sunday to Friday 8 am to 8 pm and is staffed by one professional librarian, one paraprofessional, two typists and one helper.

The library's collection consists of over thirteen thousand books and eight hundred other documents, slides, flip charts and cassettes. The Library holds nine nursing titles subscribed to by the World Health Organisation and nine journals in nursing and allied health which are provided on a complementary basis. The classification systems in use are NLM and Dewey Decimal and other thesauri used include MESH, CINAHL and the Sears list of subject headings.

Library users include Certificate, Bachelor and Masters in Nursing students, teachers, faculty members and staff. Guest users include BPH and MBBS students at the Institute of Medicine, MPH students, nurses of the TUTH and anyone in the country and foreigners are also allowed to use the library.

### **Library facilities**

All of the library's printed reading materials are on open access and the library provides an annotated health science bibliography as well as CINAHL from 1989 onwards in print. It also provides photocopying services and can carry out Medline searches. Library education is provided in the shape of orientation classes for all new users and classes on how to put together bibliographies and how to search the literature.

Agencies which donate books, journals and other materials to the library include the Asia Foundation, the British Council, WHO, the Dooley Foundation, UNICEF, SEAMIC, AHARTG and NAFA.