KEY RESOURCES FOR PSYCHIATRIC LIBRARIES
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1 INTRODUCTION

A collection of books and journals forms the basis of a successful psychiatric library and the Royal College of Psychiatrists regularly receives requests for a list of core resources in order to start up such a collection. Reference books and journal subscriptions are expensive, and must be kept up-to-date to be useful. With this in mind, the College’s Information Service and the Virtual Library Committee have put together a list of recommended key resources covering the major areas of psychiatry.

To prevent this becoming another long and daunting list of recommendations, the following steps were taken. Firstly, to aid libraries working with limited budgets, only cost-effective resources were selected. Secondly, unless there was no viable UK alternative, selection was limited to UK textbooks. Finally, on the advice of members of the Virtual Library Committee, a list of the most relevant “best buy” items was compiled.

The original idea was to produce a list of books and journals recommended for a psychiatric collection by the College. However, as no psychiatric library functions effectively without some electronic resources, we have included major online literature databases, which form an indispensable part of the library service.

The majority of electronic resources are now available through the Internet. However, because so many mental health and psychiatry websites have been collated centrally elsewhere, (see Further Reading, p9), we have not included them in this list of recommendations. We have also assumed that psychiatrists will have convenient access to the Internet through their local library or information centre, and that trained library staff will be available to assist with literature searches.

It is hoped that these recommendations will provide a useful starting point for librarians and psychiatrists building up a small core collection of books, journals and databases. However, as new material is constantly being published, we welcome suggestions from members (by post to the Librarian at the College, or by email to infoservices@rcpsych.ac.uk).
2 BOOKS

2.1 General Psychiatry

2.1.1 General Textbooks

CAMPBELL, R J
Campbell’s psychiatric dictionary

GELDER, M and MAYOU, R
Shorter Oxford textbook of psychiatry

GELDER, M
New Oxford textbook of psychiatry
New York: Oxford University Press, 2nd ed. 2009, 978-0199206698

GOLDBERG, D and MURRAY, R
The Maudsley handbook of practical psychiatry

KAPLAN, H I
Comprehensive textbook of psychiatry
Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins, 9th ed. 2009, 978-0781768993

LISHMAN, W A
Organic psychiatry: the psychological consequences of cerebral disorder

STRAUSS, Sharon E.
Evidence-based medicine: how to practice and teach EBM (includes CD-ROM)

2.1.2 Diagnostic Classification and Psychopathology

AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION
Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders: DSM-IV-TR

ENOCH, D and TRETHOWAN, W
Uncommon psychiatric syndromes

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
The ICD-10 classification of mental and behavioural disorders: clinical descriptions and diagnostic guidelines

OYEBODE, F
Sims’ symptoms in the mind: an introduction to descriptive psychopathology
2.1.3 Ethics
BLOCH, S and GREEN, S
Psychiatric ethics

2.1.4 History of Psychiatry
STONE, M
Healing the mind: a history of psychiatry from antiquity to the present.

2.1.5 Mental Health Act 1983
BARTLETT, P and SANDLAND, R
Mental health law: policy and practice

JONES, R
Mental Health Act manual

2.1.6 Transcultural psychiatry
BHUGRA, D and BHUI, K
Cross cultural psychiatry: a practical guide
London: Arnold, 2001, 0340763795

BHUGRA, D and COCHRANE, R
Psychiatry in multicultural Britain
London: Gaskell, 2001, 1901242455

2.1.7 Psychopharmacology
COOKSON, J and TAYLOR, D
Use of drugs in psychiatry

2.2 Adult Psychiatry
STEIN, G and WILKINSON, G
Seminars in general adult psychiatry
London: Gaskell, 2nd ed. 2007, 978-1904671442

2.2.1 Liaison Psychiatry
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS
The psychological care of medical patients: a practical guide (CR 108)
London: RCP/RCPsych, 2nd ed. 2003, 1860161782

2.2.2 Primary Care
GOLDBERG, D
Common mental disorders in primary care
London: Routledge, 1999, 0415205727
2.3 Child Psychiatry

GRAHAM, P, TURK, J and VERHULST, G
Child adolescent psychiatry: a developmental approach

JONES, D
Communicating with vulnerable children: a guide for practitioners
London: Gaskell, 2003, 1901242919

RICHARDSON, G and PARTRIDGE, I, eds.
Child and adolescent mental health services: an operational handbook
London: Gaskell, 2nd ed. 2010, 978-1904671800

RUTTER, M
Child and adolescent psychiatry

2.4 Forensic Psychiatry

CORDESS, C
Forensic psychotherapy: crime, psychodynamics and the offender patient

FARRINGTON, D
Early prevention of adult antisocial behaviour
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003, 0521651948

FAULK, M
Faulk’s basic forensic psychiatry

GUNN, J and TAYLOR, P
Forensic psychiatry: clinical, legal and ethical issues
Oxford: Butterworth-Heinemann, 1994, 0340806281

MORAN, P
Antisocial personality disorder: an epidemiological perspective
London: Gaskell, 1999, 1901242242

2.5 Learning Disabilities

FRASER, W and KERR, M
Seminars in the psychiatry of learning disabilities
London: Gaskell, 2nd ed. 2003, 978-1901242935

FRASER, W I et al (eds)
Hallas' caring for people with intellectual disabilities
2.6 Psychiatry of Old Age

BALDWIN, R
Guidelines on depression in older people
London: Martin Dunitz, 2002, 1841841269

JACOBY, R
Psychiatry in the elderly

KATONA, C
Depression in old age
London: Wiley, 1994, 0471943088

KAREL, M; OGLAND-HAND, S and GATZ, M
Assessing and treating late-life depression

LEVY, R; HOWARD, R and BURNS, A
Treatment and care in old age psychiatry
Stroud: Wrightson Biomedical, 1993, 1871816173

O’BRIEN, J; AMES, D and BURNS, A
Dementia

WATTIS J and CURRAN, S
Practical psychiatry of old age
Abingdon: Radcliffe Medical Press, 4th ed. 2006, 1857757963

2.7 Psychotherapy

BECK, A and FREEMAN, A
Cognitive therapy of personality disorders
New York: Guilford Press, 2nd ed., 2003, 1572308567

BROWN, D and BATEMAN, A
Introduction to psychotherapy: an outline of psychodynamic principles and practice
London: Routledge, 4th ed. 2000, 0415205697

GABBARD, G and BECK, J
Oxford textbook of psychotherapy [in press]

MAXWELL, H
An outline of psychotherapy for trainee psychiatrists, medical students and practitioners
London: Whurr, 2nd ed. 1991, 1870332628

STERN, R and DRUMMOND, L
The practice of behavioural and cognitive psychotherapy
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991, 0521387426
2.8 Addictions

CHICK, J and CANTWELL, R
Seminars in alcohol and drug misuse
London: Gaskell, 1994, 0902241702

EDWARDS, G; MARSHALL, E and COOK, C
The treatment of drinking problems: a guide for the helping professions
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 4th ed. 2003, 0521017149

GHODSE, A H
Ghodse’s drugs and addictive behaviour: a guide to treatment

GRAHAM, H. et al (eds)
Substance misuse in psychosis: approaches to treatment and service delivery.
Mueser: John Wiley & Sons, 2004, 0470013613

JARVIS, T; TEBBUTT, J and MATTICK, R P
Treatment approaches for alcohol and drug dependence: an introductory guide
Chichester: John Wiley & Sons, 2nd ed. 2005, 0470090391

PETERSON, T and MCBRIDE, A
Working with substance misusers: a guide to theory and practice
London: Routledge, 2002, 0415235685
3 PSYCHIATRY JOURNALS

Addiction
Advances in Psychiatric Treatment
Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica
American Journal of Psychiatry
Archives of General Psychiatry
Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapy
Biological Psychiatry
British Journal of Psychiatry
British Journal of Psychotherapy
Canadian Journal of Psychiatry
Comprehensive Psychiatry
Current Opinion in Psychiatry
Evidence Based Mental Health
General Hospital Psychiatry
International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry
Journal of Affective Disorders
Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry
Journal of Clinical Psychiatry
Journal of Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology
Journal of Intellectual Disability Research
Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease
Psychiatric Bulletin
Psychiatry Research
Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy
Psychological Medicine
Schizophrenia Bulletin
4 Electronic Resources

4.1 Cinahl

Cinahl is a database of nursing and allied health literature, including mental health, covering from 1982 to the present. It includes journal articles, books, dissertations, and reports.

4.2 Cochrane Library

The Cochrane Library is a collection of eight different databases of the best available evidence from systematic reviews and controlled clinical trials. It is currently free to NHS staff, patients and the public in England through the National Electronic Library for Health website.

4.3 Medline

Bibliographic database from the United States National Library of Medicine, (NLM), covering the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, and the pre-clinical sciences. Coverage includes over 14 million bibliographic citations and author abstracts from more than 4,600 biomedical journals published worldwide from 1966 onwards. The public version of Medline, Pubmed, is freely available from the NLM website.

4.4 PsycInfo (incorporating PsycLit)

Produced by the American Psychological Association. Contains records from 1872 onwards in the field of psychology and related disciplines, including psychiatry. Includes abstracts from book chapters.

4.5 DH and Kings Fund data

Data from the UK Department of Health (DH-Data) is accessible via CD-ROM or online. The DH data includes literature on health service and hospital administration, management and policy, medical equipment and supplies, personal social services, nursing, primary care, and public health.

The King's Fund database holds the library catalogue and covers information on public health, primary care, management and community care issues. This can be searched together with DH-Data on the HMIC database (available on CD-ROM).
5 FURTHER READING


Estabrook, A. Psychiatric resources: a core list for the small psychiatric hospital library. Medical Reference Services Quarterly 1999: 18 (3); 79-84

Lynch, S. Internet resources for primary mental health care. Primary Care Psychiatry 2003: 8 (4); 111-113
