Bibliography of Recommended Lists of Books and Journals for Health Sciences Libraries

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THIS is an attempt to make available in one source recommended lists of books and journals for health sciences libraries. These lists supplement standard acquisition tools such as Medical Books in Print or Blake’s Medical Reference Works. Although an attempt has been made to be as thorough as possible, completeness can not be guaranteed. The list is arranged chronologically and includes descriptive annotations. The bibliography covers the years 1967 to 1977.

1. BROWN, SARAH C., and MOORE, ERDEAL, eds. Selected Periodicals for the Medical Library. Los Angeles, EBSCO Subscription Services, May 1977. (935 items.)

A selection guide for the large hospital library. Includes all periodicals in the “Brandon List” (1975), Stearns and Ratcliff’s “Core Medical Library” (1975), and all journals indexed in Abridged Index Medicus. Five hundred key titles have been marked to show the original list for small- and medium-sized medical libraries compiled by Jacqueline W. Felter, 500 Selected Periodicals for the Medical Library (Teaneck, N. J., Franklin Square Subscription Agency, 1972–1973).


The seventh revision of what has become the standard list. Includes 472 books and 138 journals, many published within the last two years.


“A list of reference works designed for nurses. Basic nursing, medical and related texts are not included.” Revised every two years.


“List of 109 dental books and twenty dental journals intended to help the dental book committee and the librarian of a small health sciences library achieve a balanced collection of dental books and journals.”


“Lists of the books and journals judged to be most useful for internists.” May be used by “a small hospital in selecting a few ‘core’ texts or journals.” Includes 334 books and 140 journals.


Part One lists sixty-one books for the major emergency department. Part Two is intended for the small, community emergency department and is limited to ten books. May be useful as a core list for hospitals where emergency cases provide major portion of income.


“This annotated listing of 122 titles is an attempt to provide a guide to the most pertinent works.” Regular monographs are not included.


For inclusion, “highest priority has been assigned to texts having the most general use in solving specific problems of daily practice.” The list contains 516 titles and “with few exceptions, books published before 1971 are not included.”

"Limited to major resources particularly useful to the nursing student, and which should be considered for initial purchase when setting up a nursing program." Recommends 293 books, 309 pamphlets, 72 periodicals, 250 filmstrips, 270 film loops, 12 audiotapes, and 16 items of equipment.


A bibliography of books and articles. Includes guides, lists, and publishers.


One hundred books and 11 journals are listed. Out of print.


"Meant to serve as 'core' collection for VA medical libraries." Includes 378 books and 118 journals.


"A total of twelve lists was integrated into a final list of ninety-one titles."


"Textbooks in subject fields have been omitted since these are covered adequately in several comprehensive guides to the literature." One hundred seventy-eight items.


A list of forty-eight journal titles "designed for the library in a hospital of 100 to 300 beds and the active clinician."


Based on questionnaires sent to specialists. Includes eighty-seven books and seventy-four journals.


The purpose is to let practitioners and community hospitals know which books and journals are most useful, especially where funds and space are limited. Includes twenty-one books and twelve journals.


Results of a survey of librarians and directors of medical education.


"Contains 1,374 monographic titles and 102 medical and nursing journals. Titles suitable for medical libraries are marked with an asterisk."

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**Predicting the Impact of the New Copyright Law on the Interlibrary Loan Transactions of a Hospital Library Consortium**

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