Librarians' notes

Hello!
I am thinking of you as I prepare a training course on Reference Manager. Since designing the course occupies most of the two days per week I devote to SOLIDAGE, I'll now yield the floor to the Institute librarian who is taking over for me at this time.

Marie-Josée Leboeuf, Librarian

Hello!
Yes, we're working in tandem, since the library already has lots of reference material of interest to you—especially grey literature, which is hard to find but ever-present on the Internet. We are acquiring many of these documents. In fact, a number of documents on the cost of health care are printed, catalogued and indexed here in the library. You can now borrow them, since, as researchers affiliated with SOLIDAGE, you are considered members of the Institut library.
To take advantage of this service, you may contact our loans counter by phone or e-mail, or go through your institution's interlibrary loans department. You can also visit the websites we point out to you and print the documents directly.
You're all welcome here any time.

Louise Bourbonnais, Librarian

Publications of Interest

Rapport concernant la consultation auprès des aînés sur l'adaptation des services du ministère du Revenu à cette clientèle/Gouvernement du Québec, Ministère du Revenu. Researched, written and coordinated by Claire Villeneuve, 2001, 50 pages [D-Revenu] (Rough English translation of title: "Report on the consultation of elderly persons regarding the adaptation of Ministry of Revenue services to this clientele").

The number of elderly persons will double over the next 30 years. What will these new elderly individuals need from the Ministry of Revenue? To understand the situation more clearly, a study organized by the Direction des normes et des programmes (Standards and Program Department) in collaboration with the Comité ministeriel sur les personnes âgées (Ministerial Committee on Elderly Persons) was conducted, with the participation of 44 retired and elderly persons' associations. The study includes findings and recommendations.

Health Financing and Population Health. Occasional Papers: Health Financing Series, Vol. 7./ Peter WOODLEY, National Population Health Planning Branch, Commonwealth Department of Health and Age Care, Australia, 2001. ISBN: 0-642-50321-4. [WA540W891]
Available on-line at:
http://www.healthgov.au
How much should be allocated to health care expenses? What funding sources should be used? How should health care services be purchased? In Australia, as elsewhere, parties concerned are seeking ways to invest more wisely in the health of their populations, as defined in the 1994 Evans and Stoddard model. The paper concludes that the cost/effectiveness ratio of investments must be assessed.

Best Quality at the Best Price, written on behalf of the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Committee (Seniors) for the Ministers Responsible for Seniors. 1998. 70 pages [D-Continuing care]
Every jurisdiction (i.e. in Canada, except Quebec) was obliged to provide detailed information on the means it employs to guarantee the best possible quality of continuing care service. Training requirements, financial management requirements, outcome indicators and the quality improvement process are all described and summarized. (Available in French as La qualité au meilleur prix.)

Innovations in Best-Practice Models of Continuing Care for Seniors.

A report prepared at the request of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Committee (Seniors) for Ministers Responsible for Seniors. 77 pages. Available in French as: Soins de longue durée à l'intention des aînés: des modèles innovateurs des meilleures pratiques
Available on-line at:
www.hc-sc.gc.ca/seniors-aines
In the report, the term "continuing care" refers to the "…continuum of services that address, over an indefinite and long-term period, the health, social and personal care needs of seniors." The following six characteristics common to the best practice models are pointed out: consumer focus, coordination and integration, efficiency and flexibility, program assessment and evaluation, education and access.

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By making great efforts to reach the unattainable, we are rendering the possible impossible. *
(Paul Watzlawick)

* TRANSLATOR'S NOTE:
This quote is not an official translation.

Canada's Health Care Providers/
Canadian Institute for Health Information, 2001. 100 pages + appendix [W76D612]
http://www.cihi.ca/HCTReport201/toc.shtml
French version (**Les dispensateurs de soins au canada**):
http://www.cihi.ca/fHCTReport2001/tocf.shtml The CIHI site is bilingual.

Who are Canada's health care providers? How many of them exist? What kind of training do they have? What does it mean to work in the field of health and in a team? How satisfied are these professionals with their work, how are the paid and what is the state of their own health? To answer these questions, CIHI consulted a group of experts and the Institute for Work and Health. This report also raises a few questions that remain unanswered—all the more material for further study and research!

The underfunding of social care and its consequences for older people/
Social Policy Ageing Information Network, UK, 2001.
Comments:
http://society.guardian.co.uk/longtermcare/story/0,8150,642960,00.html
The United Kingdom is in a state of revolt. Rationalization within the health care system is now affecting the health and quality of life of vulnerable individuals. According to this report, the entire system requires reform and more funding.

Providing free personal care for older people: research commissioned to inform the work of the care development group/edited by Diane MACHIN and Danny McSHANE,

Scottish Executive Central Research Unit, 2001. 252 pages.
Website:
http://www.scotland.gov.uk.library3/health/cdgs-00.asp

The website provides a summary of this document in English, links to the complete text, and a summary of recommendations.
A wide-ranging inquiry that will make us all think. It consists of a report on six studies commissioned by the Central Research Unit of the Scottish Executive in order to provide background material for the deliberations of the Care Development Group. The goal of this body was to institute free health care for elderly persons in Scotland. Researchers consulted elderly persons, along with their caregivers, private and public assistance and service associations, and the general public.

The family physician's role in a continuum of care framework for Newfoundland and Labrador: a framework for primary care renewal/ Report of the Primary Care Advisory Committee, Kathy LeGrow, Chair, 2001. 32 pp.

Useful Web Sites

http://www.santemontreal.qc.ca
This is the new address of the Régie régionale de Montréal Centre (Montreal Centre Regional Health Board).
Through the home page, you can access the "Réflexes" data bank, the only health-related grey literature data bank in Canada. It contains several thousand documents from Quebec institutions. Users will not always be able to access a given document directly, but will be informed as to how to obtain it. A list of descriptors provides access to the list of documents. There are 110 documents listed under "Funding" alone. You can also search by author, title, and subject. The site provides information on the price of the document, its publisher, and the phone number of the sales outlet from which to purchase it.

http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/category/A4.html
This site is a directory of discussion groups that focus on a wide variety of topics. The Archives allow you to read the questions and answers from peers, regarding issues that are not always easy to document. Suggestion: choose your group carefully.

http://intlhealth.med.utoronto.ca/May2002%20Conference/May02%20conference.html
Achieving Leadership in Global Health Research The University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine's Centre for International Health (CIH) will hold this conference on health research on May 3 and 4, 2002 in Toronto. Topics covered include: globalization, equity and health; biomedical and clinical perspectives; and public and population health. Deadline for submission of abstracts is March 11, 2002.

http://csidoc.insa-lyon.fr/sapristi/digest.html
SAPRISTI: Sentier d'Accès et Pistes de Recherche d'Informations Scientifiques et Techniques sur l'Internet. An information retrieval method designed by library science professionals working at INSA in Lyon, France. This is a well designed system that offers a number of instruments, with explanations (at last!) and allows you to search networks effectively for information by type of document (calls for tenders, data banks, patents, conferences, courses, dispatches, faqs, records, images, lexicons, distribution lists, software, newsgroups, standards, written material, pages of links, preprints, reports, magazines in print, on-line magazines, theses), using search tools (search engines, directories, etc.) (French only)

The IHRT documentation centre focuses specifically on documentation related to the research topics encompassed by the 3 main branches of the research programme. The purpose of these branches is to: 1) determine the current and future health and social service needs of frail elderly persons; 2) document current health care and social service access, use, effects and costs; 3) determine innovative measures with respect to care delivery, effective clinical intervention and integrated service systems.