SHELF HELP

A Guide to Bibliotherapy for Staff



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What is Bibliotherapy?

Bibliotherapy is the use of books for therapeutic purposes and can be used to help you through a tough time.

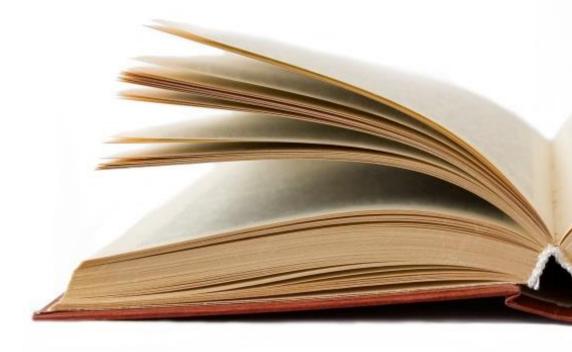
The types of literature used can include: self-help books, poetry, fiction and personal stories.

It can be done on your own, with a therapist or in a group and can be a useful start in working your way through mild and moderate feelings of depression, anxiety, panic and other mental health issues.

Self Help Books

Self-help books can: help someone through a difficult time, change behaviour and build coping skills and resilience.

They can help you understand what you're going through, feel less alone and give you direction and activities to improve your wellbeing.



How does Bibliotherapy work?

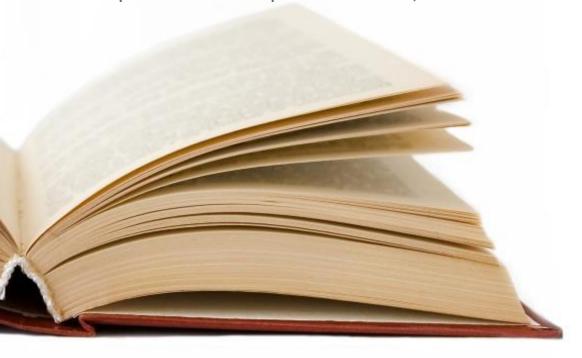
It adopts a problem-solving approach to getting through tough times and it helps you to learn more about what you're going through. In this way, you are actively involved in getting through your tough time.

When does Bibliotherapy work?

Whether bibliotherapy works or not depends not only on the quality of the book but also on your motivation. If you actively read the self-help material you are more likely to benefit.

If you're feeling really depressed or anxious, bibliotherapy alone might not be enough support for you.

If we're going through a tough time it's important we talk to friends and family. As well as talking to family and friends, everyone needs a little extra support from time-to-time and it may be the case that you may find it helpful to talk to a health professional like a GP, or counsellor.



BOOK TITLES	AUTHOR(S)	LOCATION
ANGER		
Anger Management: A Practical Guide A practical guide that will help you stay calm in the face of angry outbursts from children and young people	Adrian Faupel, Elizabeth Herrick & Peter Sharpe	Boole Library Q+2
Overcoming Anger and Irritability: A Self Help Guide using Cognitive Behavioural Techniques Discusses why we feel irritable and how we can make changes in our habits, thinking and actions to help us get on better with others and feel better about ourselves	William Davies	Boole Library Q+2, CUH Library
Taking Charge of Anger: how to resolve conflict, sustain relationships and express yourself without losing control This powerful, often destructive emotion can be tamed with the effective six-step program presented in this book	W. Robert Nay	Brookfield Library
Working with Anger and Young People Warns against 'quick fix' solutions to dealing with anger, and draws on the author's experiences of youth counselling and training workshops	Nick Luxmoore	Boole Library Q+2
Anger Management Games for Children Featuring a wealth of familiar and easy-to-learn games, it is designed to foster successful anger management strategies for children aged 5-12	Deborah Plummer	Boole Library Q+2
Managing Anger at Work The latest techniques in anger management are used to help people understand and solve their problems, whether they wish to tackle their own anger, or whether they suffer from their colleague's temper	Mary Hartley	Boole Library Q+1, Brookfield Library
ANXIETY		
Overcoming Anxiety: a self -help guide using cognitive behavioural techniques A complete recovery programme based on CBT. Easy Read	Helen Kennerly	CUH Library
Overcoming Social Anxiety and Shyness: a self- help guide using cognitive behavioural techniques A Three part programme to help you overcome your social anxiety and shyness	Gillian Butler	Boole Library Q+2

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Overcoming Anxiety, Stress and Panic: a five areas approach	Chris Williams	Brookfield Library
<u>Uses the proven and trusted 5 areas model of CBT to help people experiencing a</u>		
range of symptoms associated with these conditions		
The Anxiety and Phobia Workbook	Edmund J Bourne	Brookfield Library,
A workbook designed to help you develop the skills to deal with anxiety, phobias		eBook
and panic attacks		
Helping your Anxious Child: an effective treatment for childhood fears	David Lewis	Boole Library Q+1
This best-selling classic guides readers to help a child overcome anxiety and fears		
from separation anxiety to general anxiety, social anxiety, specific phobia and		
panic disorder		
ASSERTIVENESS		
How to be assertive in any situation	Sue Hadfield	eBook
Includes real life examples and motivating scenarios that will show you how to		
make your voice heard. It includes techniques to make sure your opinions are		
always respected and to deal confidently and effectively with other people		
The Assertiveness Handbook	Mary Hartley	Brookfield Library
Looks at how to be assertive in challenging situations. Clearly written with		Boole Library Q+2
guidelines and exercises to complete		
Assertiveness at Work	Ken Back	Brookfield Library,
Whether you are a line manager, project leader, specialist, or key member of a		CUH Library, Boole
team, this book gives practical guidance for developing your own natural		Library Q+1
assertiveness to benefit both yourself and your organisation		
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER		
Living with Asperger Syndrome and Autism in Ireland	Stuart Nielson	Boole Library Q+1
For people with autism spectrum disorder, from adolescence to adulthood, and		
for people who wish to understand the experience of living with autism in Ireland		

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ATTENTION/ORGANISATION		
Smart but Scattered Learn easy-to-follow steps to identify your child's strengths and weaknesses, use activities and techniques proven to boost specific skills, and problem-solve daily routines	Peg Dawson	eBook
BEREAVEMENT		
On grief & grieving Looks at the way we experience the process of grief	David Kessler & Elisabeth Kubler Ross	Check library website
When Parents Die: Learning to live with the loss of a parent An insight into the experience of losing a parent while covering the entire course of parenting	Rebecca Abrams	eBook, Boole Library Q+2
Helping Your Child through Bereavement This booklet addresses the many questions that arise for parents and children when someone close has died and offers practical advice on how to deal with the stages of grief	Mary Paula Walsh	Boole Library Q+2
Death and Bereavement Part of a series published by Barnardos to help support children through a bereavement	Barnardos	Boole Q+1
When someone very special dies: children can learn to cope with grief A workbook to help children work out feelings about death. They are helped to illustrate and personalise their loss through art	Marge Heegaard	CUH Library
The courage to Grieve Explores how we can deal with every kind of grief, profound loss and disappointment	Judy Tattelbaum	CUH Library
How to Survive Bereavement Aims to show you that there is life after death and that bereavement is a journey we must all make from pain to peace	Andrea Kon	Boole Library Q+2
Coping with Bereavement Based on the author's own experience after the sudden death of his wife, this book combines personal testimony and practical advice	Hamish McIllwraith	Brookfield Library

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CANCER		
Survivor: taking control of your fight against cancer	Laura Landro	Boole Library
Shares an intensely personal cancer experience, a well-written book that sets forth a guide		Q+2
for others facing the same frightening, bewildering options she faced		
Coping with the Psychological Effects of Cancer	Robert Bor	Brookfield
Sensitive but practical. To help patients and families cope with complex treatment options.		Library
Focuses on emotional, spiritual, physical and psychological needs		
Breast Cancer: the essential guide	Katherine Locke	CUH Library
Very good, sound and practical advice		
The Cancer Survivors Companion – practical ways to cope with your feelings after cancer	Dr F Goodhart	Brookfield
Winner of the Best Health Book Category Health Writing Awards 2012 "essential reading		Library
for anyone diagnosed with cancer"		
CHILD ABUSE (ADULT SURVIVORS)		
Victims no longer: The classic guide for men recovering from sexual child abuse	Mike Lew	Check library
Offers compassionate and practical advice, supported by personal anecdotes and		website
statements of male survivors		
Breaking Free: Help for the survivors of Child Sexual Abuse	Carolyn Ainscough	Boole Library
Sensitively written. Shows range of feelings involved. Optimistic with strategies for coping	& Kay Toon	Q+1, CUH Library
The Courage to Heal: A guide for Women Survivors of Child Sex Abuse	Ellen Bass & Laura	Boole Library
This guide offers hope and a map of the healing journey to every woman who was sexually	Davis	Q+2, Brookfield
abused as a child		Library
The Courage to Heal Workbook: for women and men survivors of Child Sex Abuse	Ellen Bass & Laura	Boole Library
Workbook is a combination of checklists, writing and art projects, open-ended questions	Davis	Q+1
and activities which guides the survivor through the healing process		

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DEMENTIA	-	
The 36-Hour Day: a family guide to caring for people with Alzheimer's Disease, other dementias and memory loss This guide features the latest information on the causes of dementia, managing the early stages of dementia, the prevention of dementia, and finding appropriate living arrangements	Nancy Mace	Brookfield Library
Dancing with Dementia: my story of living positively with dementia	Christine	Boole Library
This book is a vivid account of the author's experiences of living with dementia	Bryden	Q+1
DEPRESSION		
Coming through Depression Follows on from The Common Sense Approach. Includes section on meditation as a way to manage depression	Tony Bates	Boole Library Q+1
Depression: The common sense approach Accessible, slim book. Compassionate and practical. CBT strategies and more. Good first book	Tony Bates	Boole Library Q+1
Overcoming Depression: a guide to recovery with a complete self -help programme Detailed book describing causes of depression and ways to cope	Paul Gilbert	eBook
Overcoming Depression and Low Mood: a five areas approach A cognitive behavioural therapy self help quide	Chris Williams	Brookfield Library, eBook
Depression: The Way out of Your Prison A deeper exploration of beliefs about self and others that maintain depression. Links past experience to depression	Dorothy Rowe	Brookfield Library
Mind over Mood: change how you feel by changing the way you think	Denis	Brookfield
This workbook seeks to draw on the authors experience as clinicians and teachers of cognitive therapy to help clients understand and improve their moods	Greenburger	Library, Boole Library Q+1
I Had a Black Dog Excellent short book with humorous illustrations showing what it is like to have depression and how to tackle it	M Johnstone	Brookfield Library

Living with a Black Dog Very helpful short book for families and carers which uses humorous illustrations to show what depression is like. Highlights helpful and unhelpful ways to offer support and suggestions for looking after yourself as a carer	M Johnstone	Brookfield Library
Stoicism and the Art of Happiness	Donald	Check library
This book uses Philosophy and Cognitive Therapy to help enhance wellbeing by teaching how to cope in the face of adversity and come to terms with whatever situation you are in	Robertson	website
DIVORCE		
When Mom and Dad separate: children can learn to cope with grief from divorce	Marge	CUH Library
<u>Discusses basic concepts of marriage and divorce. Offers children a creative way to sort out</u> the stressful feelings of grief caused by change	Heegaard	
When Parents Split: support, information and encouragement for teenagers <u>Useful reading for teens when parents are separated or going through their own relationship</u> <u>difficulties</u>	Glynis Good	Boole Library Q+2
DYSLEXIA		
It's called Dyslexia A simple text with bright, child-friendly illustrations	Jennifer Moore- Mallinos	Brookfield Library
EATING DISORDERS		
Anorexia Nervosa: A survival Guide A clearly written, practical guide for sufferers and their families	Janet Treasure	CUH Library
The Anorexia Diaries: a mother and daughter triumph over teenage eating disorders This moving book shows how one family faced up to and overcame teenage depression and eating disorders	Linda and Tara Rio	Brookfield
Eating Disorders for Dummies This practical guide explains anorexia, bulimia and g=binge eating disorder and offers a simple step by step programme for developing a safe and healthy plan for recovery	Susan Schulherr	Boole Library Q+1

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EATING DISORDERS (CONTINUED)		
Feeling Good About the way you Look	Sabine Wilheim	eBook
If dissatisfaction with your looks is a distressing preoccupation, this book offers a programme		
for overcoming body image problems		
Skills Based Learning for Caring for a loved one with an Eating Disorder: The new Maudsley	Janet Treasure	Brookfield
Method		Library
Equips carers with the skills and knowledge needed to support and encourage those suffering		
from an eating disorder, and to help them to break free from the traps that prevent recovery		
Give Food A Chance	Julie O'Toole	Boole Library
Offers a fresh perspective on childhood eating disorders and invaluable insights for parents		Q+1
and professionals		
Please Eat	Bev Mattocks	CUH Library
Describes how, with the help of his parents and therapist, and through his own determination,		
Ben slowly began to recover and re-build his life		
Brave Girl Eating: A families struggle with anorexia	Harriet Browne	CUH Library
Describes recovery from anorexia using a family-based treatment developed at the Maudsley		
<u>Hospital in London</u>		
Anorexia Nervosa: the wish to change: self-help and discovery	A.H.Crisp	Brookfield
Offers insight, answers & practical advice with a direct approach and step by step programme		Library
Talking about Anorexia	Maroushka	Boole Library
Describes what anorexia is and what happens when you starve yourself. This book should help	Monro	Q+1
the reader to recognize when they or someone else has this problem and how to get help		
When Food Becomes your enemy	Gillian Moore-	Boole Library
How anorexia, bulimia or compulsive overeating can take over your life	Groarke	Q+1, CUH Library
Crave: why you binge and how to stop	Cynthia Bulik	CUH Library
Helps readers understand why they crave specific foods, recognize what triggers their strong		
urges, and get control over their responses to those triggers		

MINDFULNESS		
Wherever you go, there you are Introduces the idea of mindfulness and how to practice meditation skills in daily life to deal with stress & illness	Jon Kabat-Zin	CUH Library, Boole Library Q+2
Mindfulness: A practical Guide to finding peace in a frantic world <u>User friendly, useful for stress management, coping with anxiety & depression and chronic pain.</u>	Mark Williams	Boole Library Q+2
Quiet the Mind Clear, jargon free guide on meditation for beginners. Describes practical ways to manage obstacles to meditation	M Johnstone	Brookfield Library
OCD (OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER)		
Overcoming Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Step by step guide to tackling OCD, looks at causes and gives information & practical ideas	David Veale	CUH Library
The Boy who couldn't stop washing: the experience and treatment of OCD Examination of obsessive-compulsive behaviour case-histories	Judith Rapoport	Boole Library Q+1
PAIN		
8 Steps to a pain free back Posture therapy, helping people reclaim a pain-free life through implementing important physiological changes	Gokhale	Boole Library Q+1
Living beyond your Pain: Using ACT to Ease Chronic Pain Covers symptoms, causes and impact of pain. Step by step exercises and user friendly layout	Joanne Dahl	Brookfield Library
Explain Pain Gives a better understanding of the origins of pain and helps you to see that there are ways to manage it. Good read	Lorrimer Mosely	Brookfield Library
PANIC		
When Panic Attacks Very thorough text. Engaging while educating & offering coping skills	Aine Tubridy	Boole Library Q+1
Overcoming Stress, Anxiety and Panic Uses the proven and trusted 5 areas model of CBT to help people experiencing a range of symptoms associated with these conditions	Chris Williams	Brookfield Library

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PARENTING		
Parenting is child's play Parenting in Child's Play focuses on the first six years of growing up	David Coleman	Boole Library Q+1, Brookfiel Library
Cotton Wool Kids The author provides parents with strategies to learn how to handle the relentless pressure from society and the media to provide a 'perfect' childhood and instead to raise their children with a more relaxed and joyful approach, more in touch with the outdoors and the community around them. Highly recommended	Stella O Malley	Boole Library Special Collections
Parenting Teenagers: a guide to solving problems Sets out a step-by-step guide that shows you how to stay supportively involved in your teenagers lives, while also setting rules and teaching responsibility	John Sharry	Boole Library Q+2 & Q+3
Positive Parenting: bringing up responsible, well behaved and happy children Will inspire both parents who are in trouble and also families who are getting along fine but know there are areas they could improve	John Sharry	Boole Library Q+2 & Q+3
Raising Boys Looks at the 3 stages of boys development and offers parents real-life situations, thought- provoking insights, humour and help	Steve Biddulph	Check library website
Raising Girls The five key stages of girlhood are laid out so that you know exactly what matters at which age, and how to build strength and connectedness into your daughter from infancy onwards	Steve Biddulph	Check library website
Coping Alone: a handbook for single parents Looks at single-parent families in Ireland (1990)	Clara Clark	Boole Library Q+2, CUH

POST NATAL DEPRESSION		
Coping with Postnatal Depression: light at the end of the tunnel	Mary Pigot	Boole Library
This book is aimed at those suffering from postnatal depression, and their families		Q+1, CUH
Empty Cradle, broken heart: surviving the death of your baby	Deborah L Davis	Boole Library
Offers reassurance to parents who struggle with anger, guilt and despair		Q+2
Surviving the Baby Blues	Jane Feinman	Boole Library
Shows that understanding this condition, and finding the right help can lead the way to		Q+1
<u>recovery</u>		
RELATIONSHIPS		
How to cope with difficult parents	Windy Dryden	Boole Library
A guide for adults who suffer from problems in their relationships with their parents	& Jack Gordo	Q+2
Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus	John Grey	Boole Library
A guide aimed at improving communication and getting what you want in your relationships		Q+2
Overcoming Relationship Problems: a self-help guide using CBT	Michael Crowe	Boole Library
This book will help you understand why conflict arises and show you how to negotiate a		Q+2
happier, more positive outcome		
Co-dependent no more: How to stop controlling others & start caring for yourself	Melody Beattie	eBook
Is someone else's problem your problem?		
This book provides a map of the perplexing world of co-dependency		
Adult Children of Alcoholics	Janet Woititz	eBook
Provides an understanding of what it is like to be an adult child of an alcoholic and offers skills		
<u>for recovery</u>		
How to start a conversation and make friends	Don Gabor	Boole Library
Suggests ways to improve anybody's ability to communicate in social and business situations		Q+2
RETIREMENT		
The Challenge of retirement	Trish Murphy	Check library
For many the adjustment to retirement can be more challenging than we expected. Rather		website
than a time of slowing down, retirement can be an opportunity to enjoy life and have some		
<u>fun</u>		

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ONLINE RESOURCES

Anxiety – www.anxietybc.com

Bereavement - www.hospicefoundation.ie

Child Abuse (adult survivors) - www.hse-ncs.ie/en

Contraception - www.thinkcontraception.ie

Dementia - www.alzheimer.ie

Depression – www.aware.ie; www.deprexis.com; www.ifightdepression.com; www.depresioninteenagers.com; www.moodgym.anu.edu.au; www.headsup.ie

Dermatology - www.dermnetnz.org

Drugs - www.na-ireland.org; www.drugs.ie

Eating Disorders - www.bodywhys.ie

Family Planning - www.ifpa.ie

Gambling - www.gamblersanonymous.ie

General Health - www.hse.ie; www.patient.co.uk

General Health and Wellbeing – www.getselfhelp.co.uk; www.yourmentalhealth.ie; www.cci.health.wa.gov.au

Life Skills - www.llttf.com

Mindfulness - www.mindful-monkey.com

Pain - www.chronicpain.ie

Parenting – www.understandingchildhood.net; www.ispcc.ie; www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childcare/info/10-things.html; www.familylives.org.uk

Positive Change - www.actionforhappiness.org

Psychology - www.pshiq.ie

Sexual Health - www.sexualhealthcentre.com

Social Anxiety - www.socialanxietyireland.com; www.stressandanxietyinteenagers.com