Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) Annual Report
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NNLM by the Numbers

More than 8,800 members
More than $1.2 million in funding awarded
More than 24,000 people participated in network activities

Learn about the seven Regional Medical Libraries (RMLs)

The RMLs coordinate the operation of a network of libraries and other organizations to carry out regional and national programs.

Region 1: Health Sciences and Human Services Library at the University of Maryland, Baltimore
Region 2: Medical University of South Carolina Libraries
Region 3: Gibson D. Lewis Health Science Library at the University of North Texas Health Science Center
Region 4: University of Utah Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library
Region 5: University of Washington Health Sciences Library
Region 6: Hardin Library for the Health Sciences at the University of Iowa
Region 7: University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, Lamar Soutter Library

Highlights From Around the Regions

Region 1:
- Sponsored five School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) interns during the University of Kentucky Alternative Spring Break at four host sites.
- Collaborated to update or develop several new resource guides, including the Proposal Writing Toolkit, Guidelines for Award Requirements, Environmental Health and Justice, and more.

Region 2:
- Presented “Embracing a Longitudinal Simulation Curriculum on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Utilizing Virtual Reality” at the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association (MLA) 2022 Annual Meeting.
- Created a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) survey that collected data about diversity in library collections for public and academic libraries throughout the region.

Region 3:
- Spearheaded a new multi-state, multi-institutional program to serve Veterans Affairs (VA) patients using Whole Health-informed health literacy patient education modules.
- Launched a new professional development award to give early- to mid-career professionals an opportunity to explore formal and informal leadership in health sciences libraries.

Region 4:
- Led the development of a course approval guide for Library and Information Science (LIS)/iSchool instructors to get their health information-related courses to qualify for the MLA Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS).
- Partnered with The Carpentrie to host workshops to improve data skills within library and information-related communities.

Region 5:
- Led the creation of the CHIS On-Demand course titled Communication, Reference, and Instruction, to meet core competencies required for the MLA CHIS.
- Released the Diverse Voices in Health & Medicine Collections Toolkits.

Region 6:
- Launched the Health Misinformation Webinar Series.
- Conducted site visits and outreach to tribal college libraries and public libraries.

Region 7:
- Hosted a hospital libraries advisory group meeting, which led to the creation of a virtual journal club on the History of the Rochester Study and training on ClinicalTrials.gov for librarians.
- Developed and disseminated substance use disorder social media toolkits.

Listen to the NNLM Discovery Podcast

The podcast highlights stories from around the seven regions, and it explores how NNLM is engaging with communities to provide access to trusted information for the purpose of improving the public’s health.

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