

An Ounce of Prevention: Health Reference Basics

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Location: South Huntington Public Library, Theater

Registration Deadline: April 9, 2009

No Fee for this event

Join LILRC for a group viewing and discussion of the College of DuPage Teleconference Soaring into Excellence Series sponsored by the New York State Library.

Rising health care costs, economic instability, and the proactive nature of today's society are contributing to more and more individuals seeking out health information online and in print. Are you and your library ready to meet the diverse needs of these health information seekers? Are you effectively marketing your health-related services and resources?

This program will emphasize quality print and electronic resources as well as the roles and responsibilities of patients, library information professionals and health care professionals in the information seeking process. Join us in exploring various aspects of the health reference experience including the need to respect patient privacy, how to accommodate the cultural diversity of our clientele, matching the right types of resources to specific clients, and ways to successfully navigate tricky health reference situations. We'll also look at ways to promote the health resources and services that you have to offer.

This teleconference is 90 minutes in length--Noon to 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Additional information is available from the New York State Library at: <http://srv36.nysed.gov/libdev/dupage.htm>. For registration information, please visit the LILRC Continuing Education Calendar at: <http://www.lilrc.org/calendars/eventdetail.php?eventID=601&referrer=ce>.

The Science Commons—Creative Commons for Science

Science Commons was launched with the “goal of bringing the openness and sharing that have made Creative Commons licenses a success in the arts and cultural fields to the world of science.” It uses the Creative Commons (CC) philosophy and methodology in order to make scientific research more accessible and useable by all. Science Commons has a number of projects including:

NeuroCommons: a project for biological research seeking to integrate a number of existing public databases including MeSH, Medline and other Entrez resources (<http://sciencecommons.org/projects/data>).

HealthCommons: “where a researcher will be able to order everything needed to replicate a published experiment as easily as ordering DVDs from Amazon”(<http://sciencecommons.org/projects/healthcommons>).

For more information, visit the Science Commons website at: <http://sciencecommons.org>.



In the Spotlight:

LILRC Committee on Services to Health Sciences Libraries

The LILRC Committee on Services to Health Sciences Libraries welcomes back returning members, as well as two new members.

Mary Ann Emsig

Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Library

Claire Joseph, Chair

South Nassau Communities Hospital Medical Library

Deborah Provenzano

Suffolk County Community College Library

Carol Reid

Mercy Medical Center Medical Library

Christina Rivera

LILRC Liaison

Tanya Shkolnikov

North Shore University Hospital-Glen Cove-Medical Library

Susan Simpson

Huntington Hospital Medical Library

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New York College of Osteopathic Medicine Library

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LIU/Palmer School-Library & Info Science

Additional information about the LILRC Committee on Services to Health Sciences Libraries is available on the LILRC website at: <http://lilrc.org/about/committees/committee.php?c=sh>.

Any questions should be addressed to Christina Rivera by phone at 631-675-1567 or via email at crivera@lilrc.org.

Website in Review:

Evidence to Action: (<http://www.aidsdatahub.org/>) is an HIV/AIDS “Data Hub” website offering access to information for 24 Asia-Pacific countries and provides over a thousand documents, including national strategic plans, surveillance reports, population-based surveys, special studies, epidemiological fact sheets and ‘Children and AIDS’ fact sheets for reference. In addition, this site provides an e-forum for national experts in the Asia-Pacific region for discussing data quality, data harmonization, gender and age-disaggregated data and data use.

LibraryThing: Potential Use for Medical Libraries

LibraryThing is a free web-based application that allows users to catalog their books, provide suggestions and reviews socially and share with anyone. Since it is online, it can be accessed anywhere, anytime and is also available in mobile format.

Similar to most other web 2.0 applications and social networking sites, LibraryThing is free of charge—which allows up to 200 books to be tagged—or can be upgraded to the paid version for \$15 per/year, which will give you more tags.

Of interest is the UMDNJ Health Sciences Library at Stratford, which is currently using LibraryThing (paid account) to provide students with easier access to their Board Review Collection. Library staff completed this task by using a scanner and the ISBN code to add the books and then tagged the books with library related information—i.e., call numbers, series name and subjects. To view the Board Review Collection on LibraryThing, please visit: <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/somboardreview>.

For more information on LibraryThing, visit www.librarything.com.



Grey Literature Report

The most recent Grey Literature Report (Vol. 11, No. 1, January 2009) is now available to view at: http://www.nyam.org/library/pages/current_grey_literature_report.

CDC Social Media Tools

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is immersed with social media tools, including a MySpace page, blogs, podcasts, health e-cards, website graphics and widgets. Of interest are the Public Health Data and Statistics gadget and the FluView National Flu Activity Map, which display current information and trends that can be easily added to your website. Visit the CDC Widgets and Gadgets page at: <http://www.cdc.gov/Widgets> for more information.

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