40% of health outcomes are influenced by socioeconomic factors

Libraries are in a unique position to bring together the people, programs, and partners necessary to make health information and services accessible to everyone.
When community members don’t have access to health information, services, and technology, they use fewer preventative services, know less about chronic disease management, are hospitalized more often, and report poorer health statuses.

Libraries advance equal access to health information and services in many ways:

- Support patrons in identifying health insurance resources (59%)
- Support patrons in locating and evaluating free health information online (58%)
- Support patrons in understanding specific health or wellness topics (48%)
- Support patrons by offering fitness classes (23%)

Almost 3 in 4 say libraries help people find the health information they need.

Of those who have gone online at a library using its computers, internet connections or Wi-Fi have done so for health-related searches.
Working together, libraries and local partners create a strong network to address the well-being of all community members.

18% of libraries bring in healthcare providers to offer limited healthcare screening services

35% of those screenings include referrals to appropriate health and social service agencies

You and your library can champion health for all. Reach out to your public health agency or other potential partners to let them know what the library has to offer, and invite them to share their resources and expertise with your patrons. All public organizations have a role to play in building a healthy community.

Visit [http://oc.lc/ehealth](http://oc.lc/ehealth) and learn how you can make your library the health hero your community needs.

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