

# Today's Presenters



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# Public Libraries and Public Health: Partners for Community Health

**WebJunction Webinar**

# Who am I and why am I here?



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Megan Weis with colleagues Alanti McGill, MPH program manager and Lee Augenblick Graduate Assistant



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# WHAT ARE OUR GOALS FOR TODAY?

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- Talk about public health and how you may *already* be supporting it at your library
- Talk about how you may be able to *strategically* work with partners to support public health
- This is the *start* of a conversation: Let's keep talking!

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# WHY PUBLIC HEALTH?

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- Nothing new for public libraries!
- Hidden history of public library – public health partnerships

Learn more

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# ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS HIDDEN HISTORY

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In Appalachian Georgia, librarians team up with the county nurse

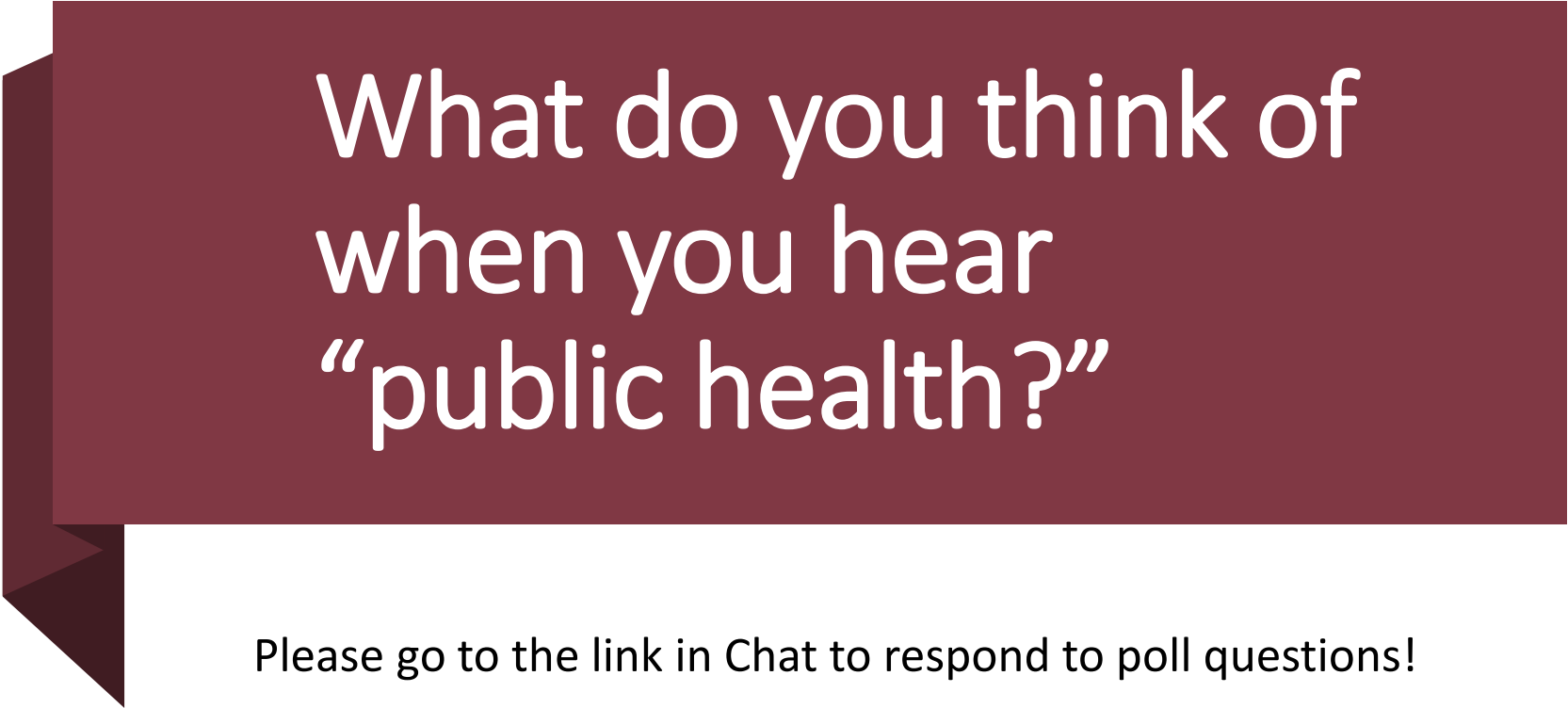
## Library Journal - Volume 72 - Page 33



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Melvil Dewey, Richard Rogers Bowker, L. Pylodet - 1947 - Snippet view - [More editions](#)

The county **nurse** recommended a small maternity center to which mothers could be brought and be assured of a doctor's care. The doctors responded with enthusiasm. ... Not only did the bookmobile circulate books and pamphlets but it also circulated the **nurse**. She went along to explain and hand ... they may buy some of their own. ^It was also in Georgia that county officials, the weekly JANUARY 1, 1947 33 **LIBRARIES ATTACK COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**—by Jean and Jess Ogden.



What do you think of  
when you hear  
“public health?”

Please go to the link in Chat to respond to poll questions!

# Public Health

- “The science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private communities, and individuals.” – CDC
- Public health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work and play. – American Public Health Association





# A day in the life of OREGON PUBLIC HEALTH



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## *A day in the life of* **OREGON PUBLIC HEALTH**



**GOOD MORNING, OREGONIAN:** It is the morning and your alarm clock buzzes. You get out of bed to begin your day.



**CLEAN WATER:** You head for the shower and then brush your teeth with clean water. Local public health works with communities to assure you have clean and safe drinking water.



**SAFE KIDS:** You take your child to school knowing they will be protected from serious childhood diseases, like measles and polio, because they received their childhood vaccinations. Local public health works with pediatricians, parents, schools and childcare facilities to ensure the community is protected.



**TOBACCO PREVENTION:** You're now off to work, and upon walking into your building you pass a "No Smoking" sign and are grateful that all workplaces in Oregon are smoke-free because of the Indoor Clean Air Act. Local public health works tirelessly to protect children and adults from second-hand smoke, and to create environments that support people who want to quit smoking.



**SAFE FOOD:** During your lunch hour you and a co-worker head to your favorite nearby restaurant, you naturally assume the food is safe to eat. Local public health inspects and licenses restaurants in Oregon.



**READY FOR ANYTHING:** It is the end of your workday, as you are driving home the radio news is reporting on a disease outbreak across the country, thankfully local public health is coordinating with hospitals, schools, and emergency preparedness managers to be prepared.



**HEALTHY MOMS AND BABIES:** You arrive home and greet your family. The phone rings, it is your sister calling. She tells you she just had a Babies First! appointment with a public health nurse home visitor. Your niece is doing well, and the nurse made referrals so your sister could take your niece to her Well Child Care visit and her first dental appointment.



**HEALTHY INSIDE AND OUT:** You go for a bike ride with your family on a local trail. Local public health works with different community partners to create healthy environments for Oregonians to live, work, learn and play in.



**GOODNIGHT, OREGONIAN:** You've had dinner with your family, some time to unwind, and now it is time to get ready for bed. These are just some examples of how local public health has touched your life. You may not always see the work they do, but you are safer and healthier because of it.



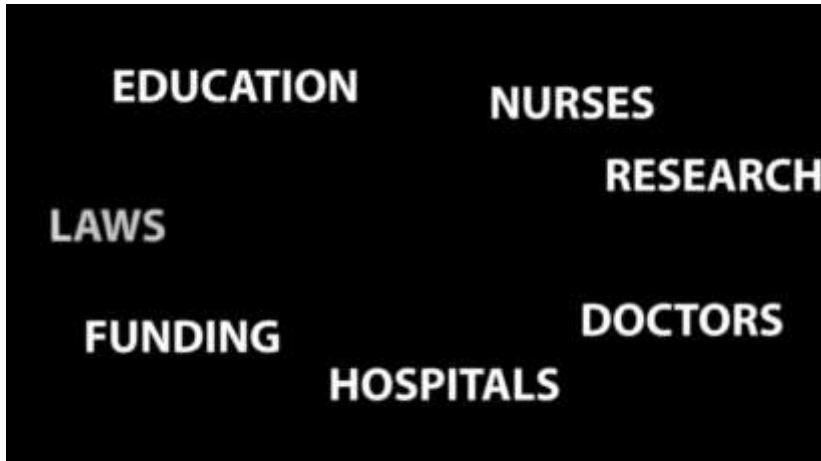
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# Public Health is.....

It's your family, it's your community, it's YOU!



American Public Health Association video,  
[Healthiest Nation in One Generation](#)

## Taking Care of Self, Staff, and Community

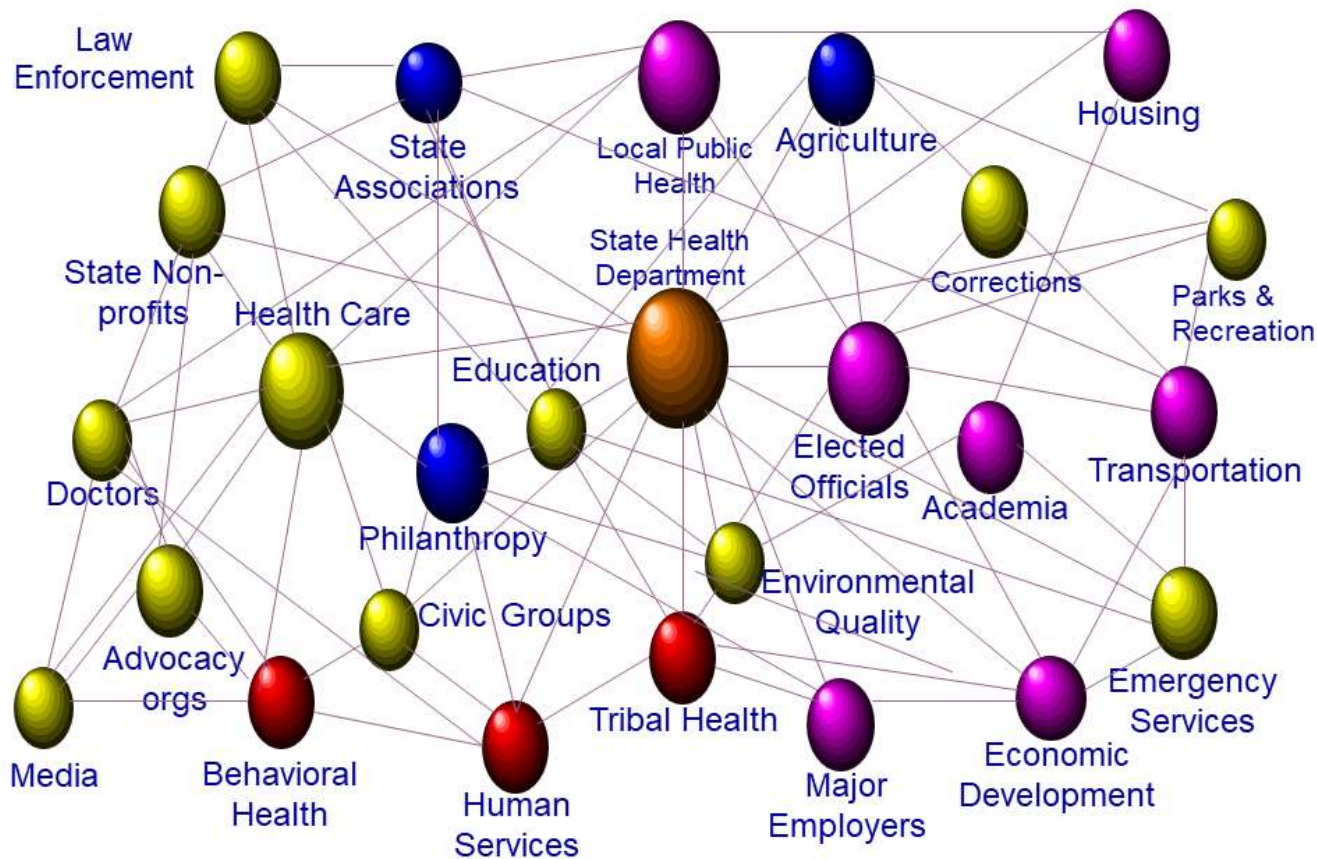
Brenda Hough and Bethia Gutsche / Published: 13 October 2021

Self-care has long been recommended and recognized as important. It's easy to find articles about the value of self-care: eat healthy, get plenty of sleep, exercise regularly. It can get exhausting just reading about all the things we should be doing to feel better. How can we help self-care feel less like a burden and more like genuine kindness and nurturing? What if we could tap into our larger community to bolster our own well-being while increasing social cohesion for all? There is a continuum – from self-care to staff (workplace) care to community care – that gets stronger as... [Read more](#)



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# Why Libraries?

## Reach

- Potential to become an integral community resource and have been identified to be able to improve population health through modifiable social policy which have a documented relationship to health<sup>1</sup>
- **17,000 public libraries nationwide** receive an estimated four million visits every day<sup>1</sup>
- Over **95% of Americans** live in a public library service area<sup>2</sup>

## Disparities

- The United States has one of the largest health disparities in the world – life expectancy variations can reach up to 20 years between counties in the same state<sup>1</sup>
- People experiencing **homelessness or other life crises often tend to seek respite, information, and assistance in libraries**<sup>3</sup>

## Access

- Libraries and their staff are **free** to the public, located in local neighborhoods, and **deeply trusted**<sup>4</sup>
- 37% of library users report having utilized the internet access at the library to **look for health information, treatment options, care givers, or other ways to improve their health**<sup>6</sup>

# Examples in South Carolina

## Expanding Access to Healthcare in Union County

- Expands broadband internet to improve access to healthcare in Union County as well as implementing a social worker position to focus on building stronger relationships with the school districts to help families of children with special needs.

## Lee County Public Library Community Health Hub

- Increase clinical-community linkages between high-risk underserved rural residents in Lee County, SC and health and social service providers to improve rural population health outcomes, utilizing the Lee County Public Library as a community hub.

## Library Social Worker - Kershaw County Library

- Provides a library social worker position to offer consultations to individuals in rural locations to improve health and wellness by connecting community members to health care providers.

## Orangeburg County Library Resource Associate

- Provides a social worker (known as a Library Resource Associate) to address social determinants of health and provide the missing link in coordination of connecting library patrons to comprehensive services, to include healthcare.

## The Women in Southeast (WISE) Telehealth Network -Charleston County Public Library System

- Addresses disparities in women's health through health promotion and disease prevention and by connecting women to healthcare resources.



# Range of Models and Partners

## Delivery & Focal Areas

- Social Worker
- Community Health Workers
- Telehealth
- Women's Health

## Staffing Models

- Employed by library
- Employed by healthcare partner

## Partners

- Free clinics
- FQHCs
- AccessHealth networks
- Transit Authority
- Academic Medical Centers

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**STORYWALK(R) AND SCAVENGER HUNT**

**BIRCHTOWN AREA LIBRARY, PENNSYLVANIA**

How has this library supported healthy living?

During the COVID-19 stay-at-home order in Pennsylvania, the Ringtown Area Library started monthly scavenger hunts around the community, relating to a children's story when possible: Green sheep for Mem Fox's Where is the Green Sheep? and strawberries for Don Wood's The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear. The library began offering StoryWalk(R) programming during summer 2020, and in September 2020 unveiled the 4th StoryWalk(R) of the year at a local farm's pumpkin patch, choosing Pumpkin Trouble by Jan Thomas.

What impacts have you seen this work have?

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**Lessons learned:** Don't be afraid to think outside of the library! Lots can be done using outdoor spaces to engage communities in healthy living programming.


Combine stories and literacy with outdoor programming. Weave stories into public space and you promote the library, promote reading, and also promote fun, active engagement in the outdoors!

<https://letsmovelibraries.org/storywalk-scamger/>

**Comics and the Clinic**

History of the Comic Book and Mental Health

 Wednesday, September 29  
 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
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 **Westlake Porter Public Library**  
 Zoom Programming 1

Join us on Zoom as Valentino Zullo discusses the portrayal of mental health in comics, and how this medium offers unique insight into the minds of its characters.

<https://www.graphicmedicine.org/>



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## Libraries, public health work together on community health: Settings serve as community hubs

Lindsey Wahrowiak

The Nation's Health October 2018, 48 (8) 5-12

When it comes to finding the best health information available, getting a blood pressure check or even finding a safe, cool place to spend an afternoon during a heat advisory, many people do not turn to their doctor or health department. In the U.S., they visit their local library.

In 2015, Americans stopped by their libraries more than 1.39 billion times, according to the Institute of Museum and Library Services. In comparison, they visited health care professionals 890.6 million times, according to 2015 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey data. The Pew Research Center in 2016 reported that 38 percent of people using libraries did so to seek out health information.



People practice yoga at a kids of the Bayview Public Library in 2016. Across the country, public libraries provide locations for resources, health education, outreach and public health services, often partnering with local health agencies.

Photo by Lane Turner, courtesy The Boston Globe/Getty Images

As people are more likely to visit their library than a doctor, health advocates have an opportunity to reach people where they live and learn. Libraries are free, accessible to everyone and are key points

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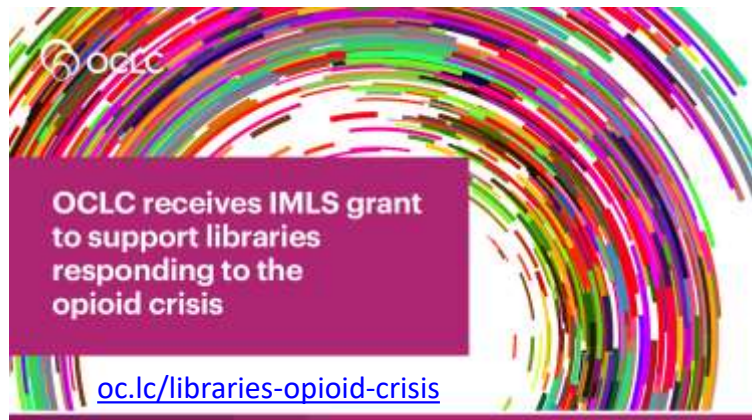
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[webjunction.org/explore-topics/ehealth.html](https://webjunction.org/explore-topics/ehealth.html)



# Health Happens in Libraries Infographic



<https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/library-heroes-make-health-happen.html>

# Why Libraries?

- All public organizations are responsible for promoting community health by creating healthy social and physical environments.
- Public libraries everywhere are the perfect partners for community health priorities.
- As resource centers, libraries can strengthen community health strategies.
- Cross-sector collaboration levels the playing field. Libraries respond to the evolving needs of their communities.

Just as public health leaders are challenged to become chief health strategists,

Public library leaders are challenged to become community ***access and equity*** strategists

- Noah Lenstra





Class at the library was the “**most diverse class ever taught**,” included new Americans, retirees, college students, men and women, all of whom built relationships through “sharing of recipes”

- Nutrition Educator for SNAP-Ed agency

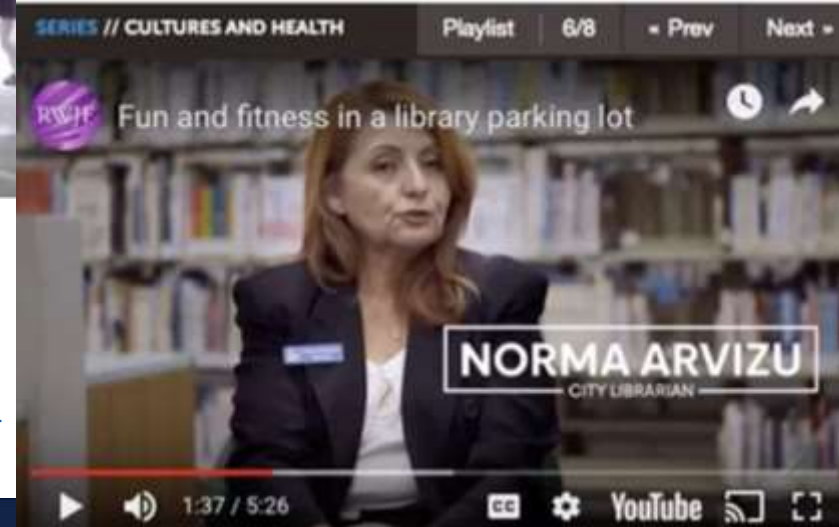
[HEAL \(Healthy Eating and Active Living\) at the Library](#) study

# Embracing the **SHARED USE** of the library



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in a library parking lot.”

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/features/achieving-health-equity.html>



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# HEALTHY LIVING AT THE LIBRARY



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# Partners for Assessing Health Needs

- **Assessing community health needs and resources**
  - [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#) tool (See also WebJunction webinar for [Launching Community Conversations with Local Health Data](#))
  - Remember your local hospital/health center has to do a community health needs assessment
- **Assess where partnerships and collaborations already are happening**

Look for existing places where public health happens – e.g. clinics at schools
- Note the preventative screenings that haven't happened during COVID – e.g. mammograms, well visits

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# HOW TO START THE CONVERSATION

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# FRUIT BOWL

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## Eat, Leo! Eat!

Starting the  
conversation

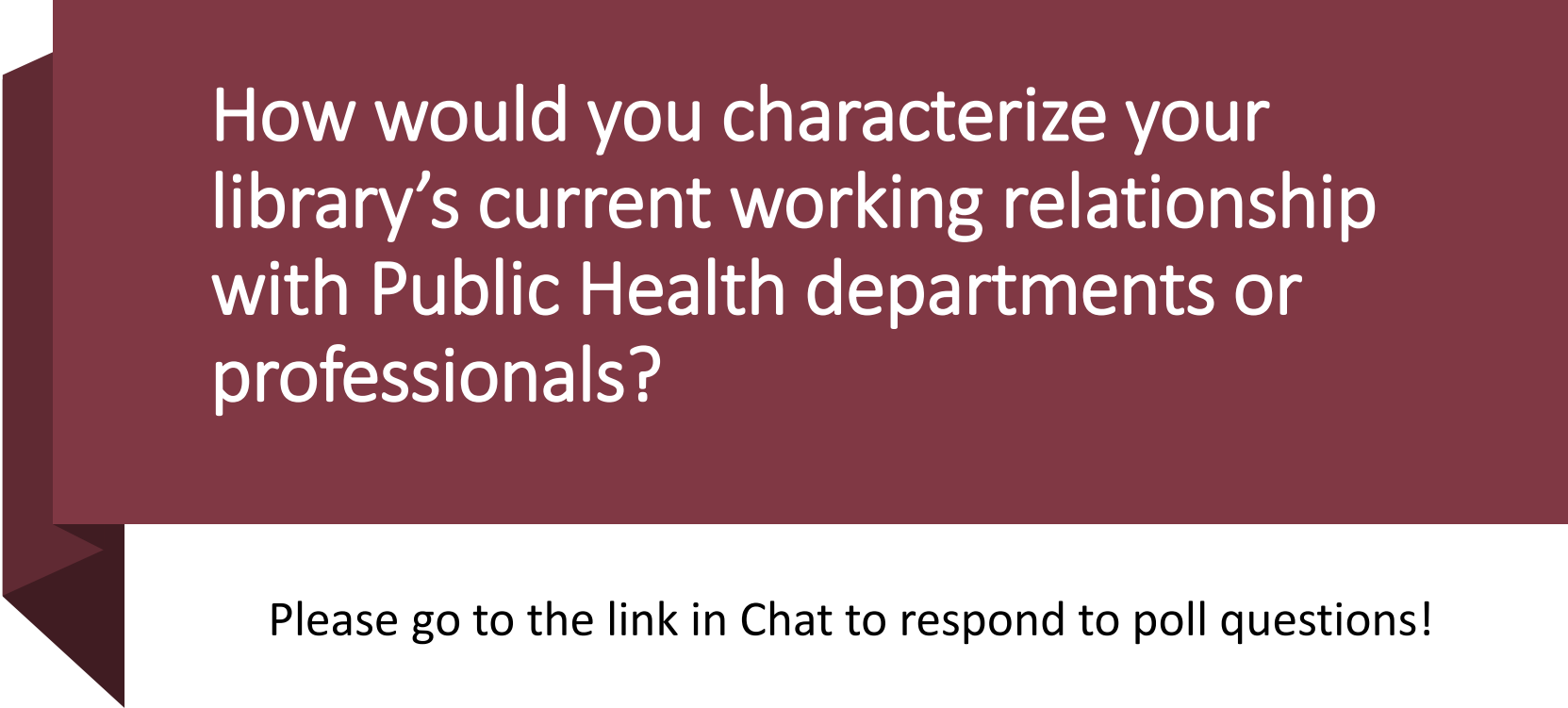
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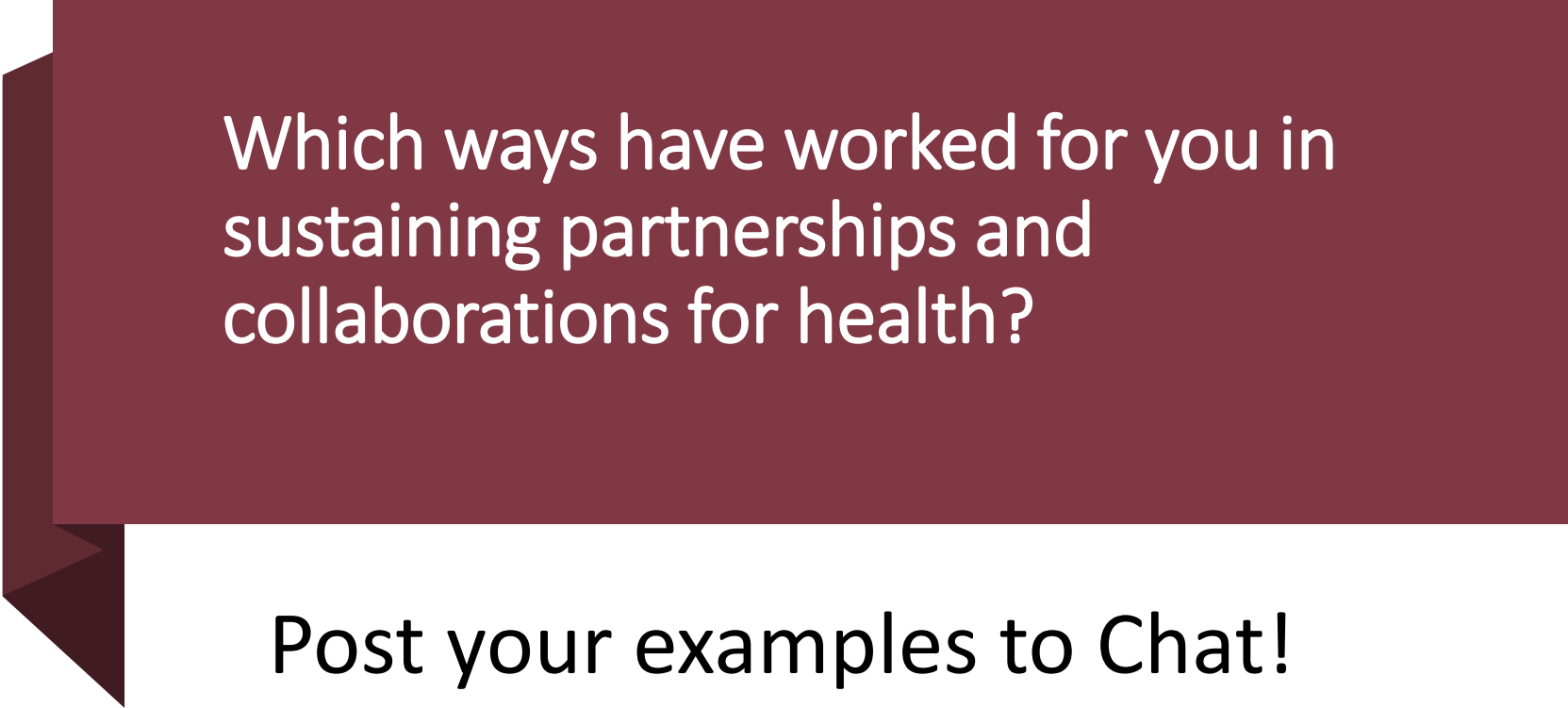
Working together works!





How would you characterize your library's current working relationship with Public Health departments or professionals?

Please go to the link in Chat to respond to poll questions!

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Which ways have worked for you in  
sustaining partnerships and  
collaborations for health?

Post your examples to Chat!

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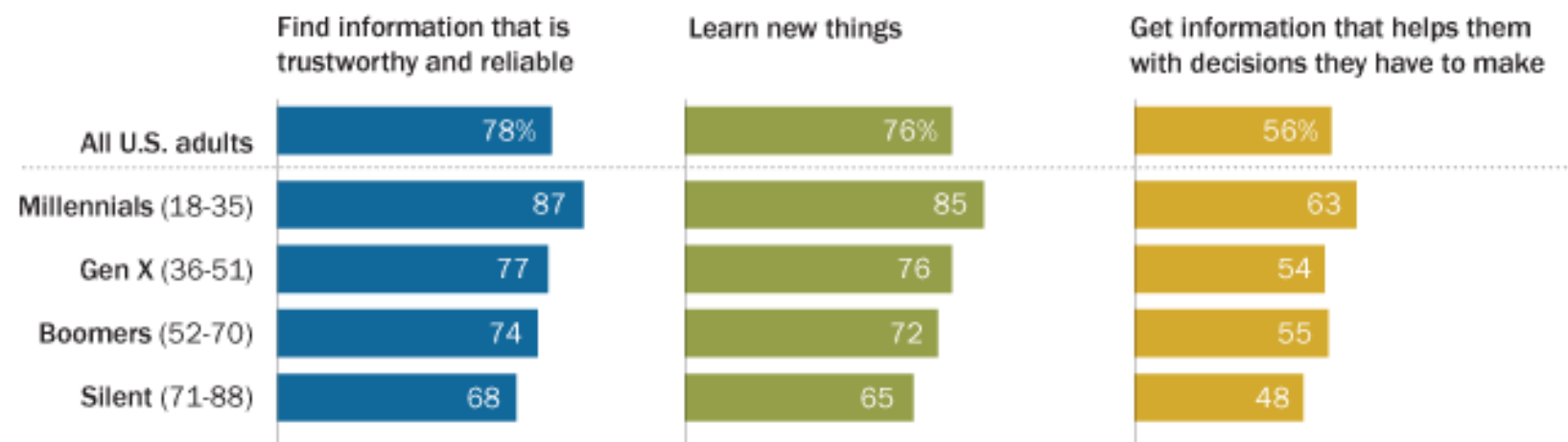
# **BUILDING STAFF COMFORT AND CONFIDENCE TALKING ABOUT HEALTH WITH PATRONS, PARTNERS, AND OTHER LIBRARIANS**

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# Libraries are trusted

**Millennials more likely than older generations to say libraries help them find trustworthy information, learn new things and make informed decisions**

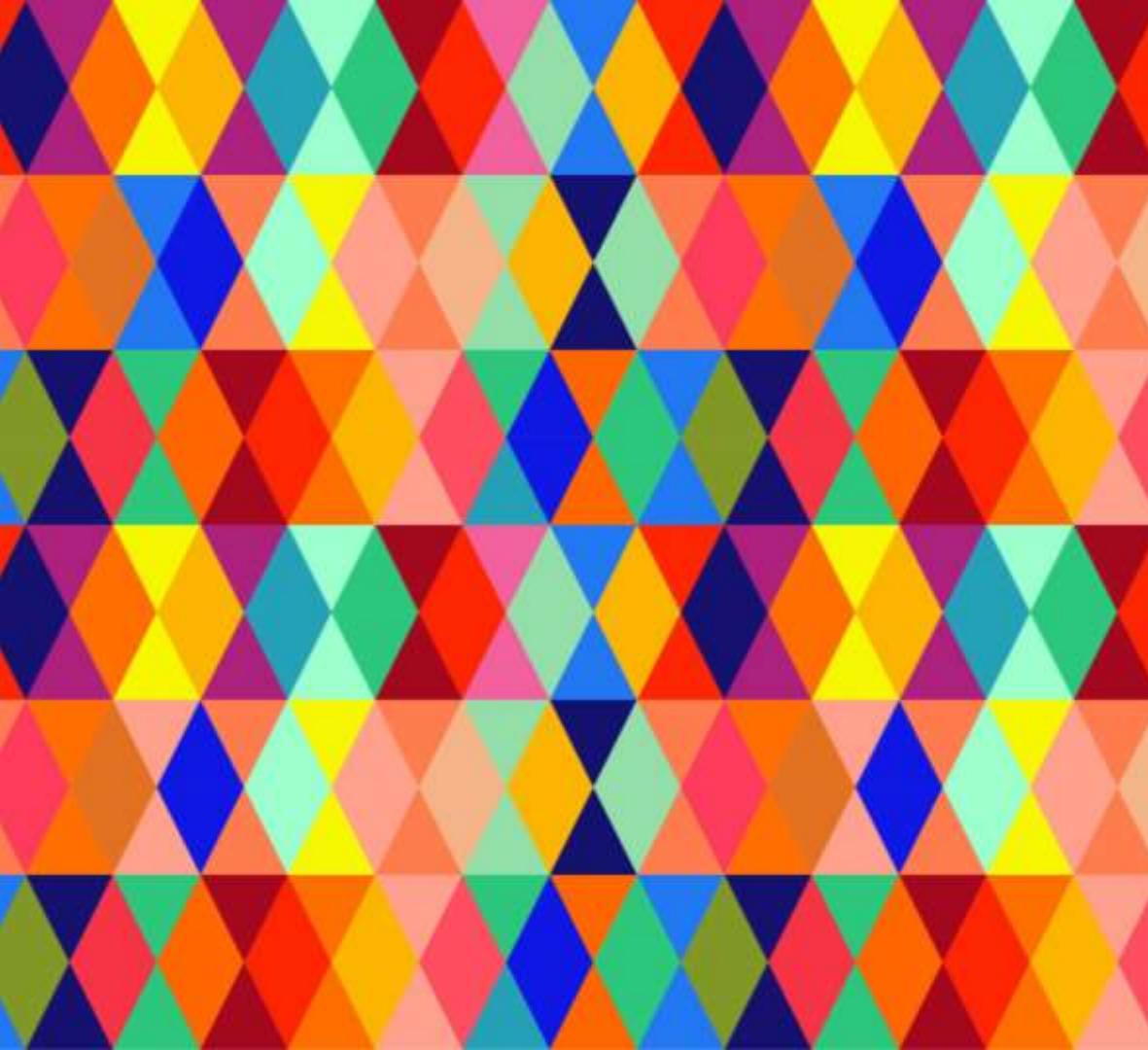
*% of adults who say they think the public library helps them ...*



Source: Survey conducted Sept. 29-Nov. 6, 2016.

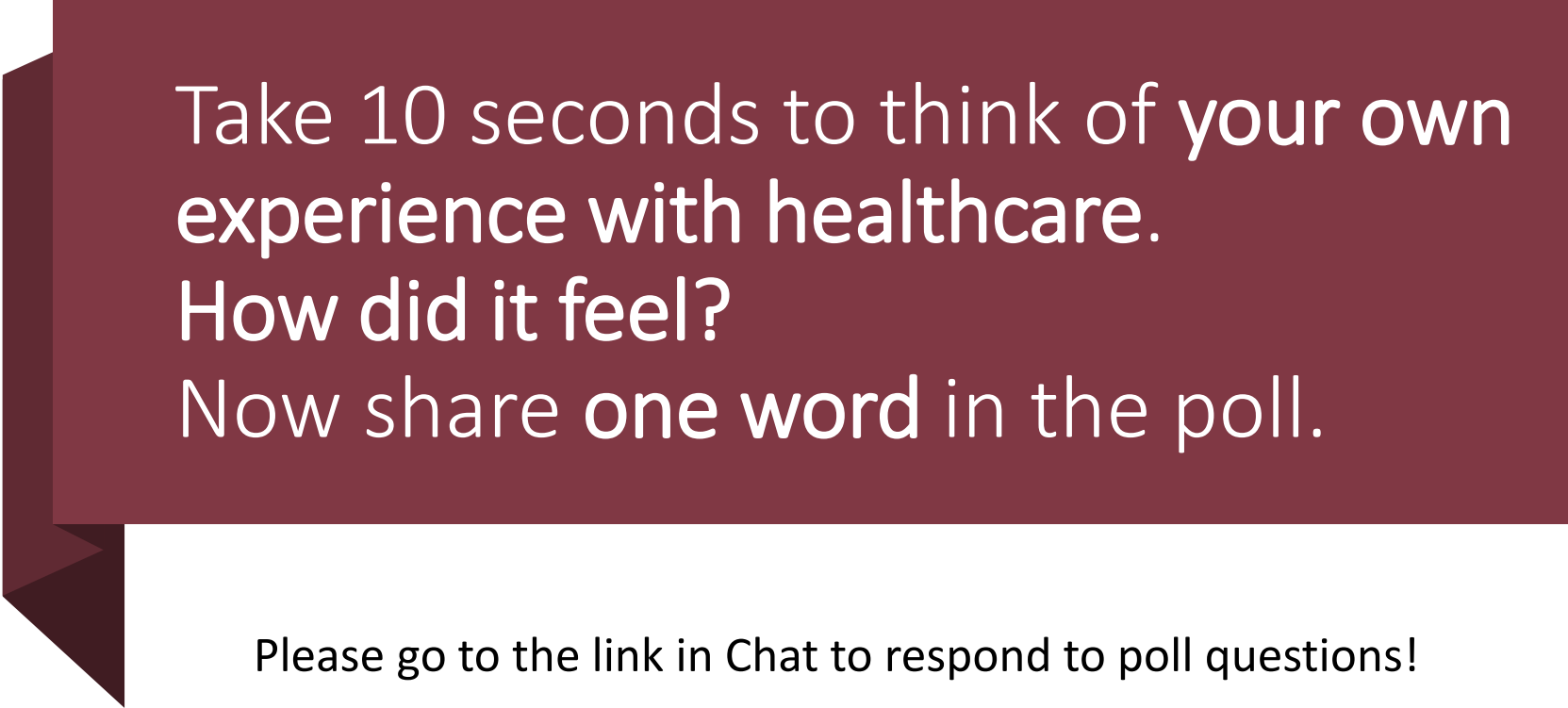
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<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/08/30/most-americans-especially-millennials-say-libraries-can-help-them-find-reliable-trustworthy-information/>




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first we connect



Take 10 seconds to think of **your own**  
**experience with healthcare.**  
**How did it feel?**  
Now share **one word** in the poll.

Please go to the link in Chat to respond to poll questions!




Do you have any books  
on alcoholism?



But what do  
they already  
know?

What has  
their  
experience  
been?



A photograph of two elderly individuals, likely a man and a woman, walking away from the camera on a city street at night. They are walking on a cobblestone path, and the woman on the left is carrying a plastic bag. The background is filled with the blurred lights of city buildings and streetlights, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

At 4:50, an elderly man appeared  
at the door of my small room.

A maroon speech bubble graphic with a folded corner on the left side, containing white text.

# What is active listening?

Respond with **one word** in Chat that characterizes active listening to you



# Seven steps to connection

1. You already know this
2. Body language: eyes are first
3. Ears next: active listening
4. What do they already know?
5. Build from basics
6. Ask if you don't know
7. Check for understanding



*What is Trisomy 13?*



### *What is Trisomy 13?*

Trisomy 13 is associated with severe intellectual disability and physical abnormalities in many parts of the body... Many infants with trisomy 13 die within their first days or weeks of life. Only 5 to 10 % of children with this condition live past their first year.

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## NEXT, WE SEEK TO UNDERSTAND

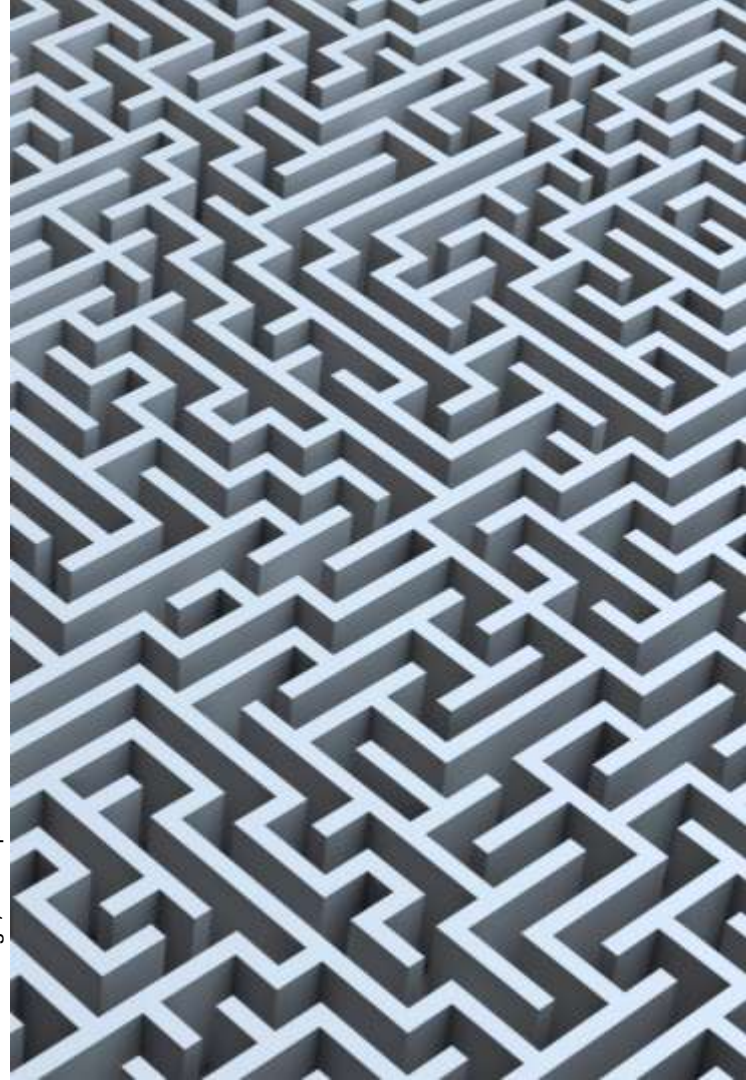
**People in crisis situations are generally struggling** with so many daily life and self-identity issues that harnessing that control in terms of information interactions is particularly daunting. Librarians can proffer information as a tool in both self-identity construction and problem resolution. (Westbrook, 2015).

Begin with basics

Do not overwhelm

Remember how it felt

Invite engagement








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**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

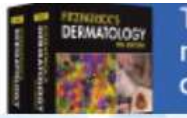
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## Consumer Health Information Specialization

The MLA Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) offers *training* in providing health information services to consumers and *recognition* for the accomplishment of acquiring new health information skills.

### Why Get a CHIS?

Librarians and other information and health professionals know the life-saving and life-enhancing value of accurate health information. By earning your CHIS, you acquire skills and knowledge needed to become a confident, expert provider of health information to your community.

<https://www.mlanet.org/page/chis>



### What is the Cost of CHIS?

Most CHIS courses are offered by the [Network of of the National Library of Medicine](#) (NNLM) at no cost. It is easy to meet the requirements for both levels with NNLM courses. MLA charges a modest fee (members: \$55, non-members: \$75) for reviewing applications and granting certificates. And eligible library staff members and library students are invited to apply for [NNLM sponsorship](#) of the application fee.

<https://www.mlanet.org/page/chis>

### What Are the Requirements for Earning CHIS?

CHIS is organized around eight Core Competencies for Providing Consumer Health Information Services and two levels of accomplishment.

- + 1. Know the Community
- + 2. Know the Health Consumer
- + 3. Knowledge of Subject Matter and Resources
- + 4. Evaluation of Health Information
- + 5. Communication, Reference, and Instruction
- + 6. Literacy and Health Literacy
- + 7. Technology and Health
- + 8. Ethical and Legal Issues

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## Continuing Education

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☒ Consumer Health Information Specialization, Level 2

☐ Disaster Health Information Specialization, Basic

☐ Disaster Health Information Specialization, Advanced

☐ Data Services Specialization

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### For further learning

Medical Library Association. [Consumer Health Information Specialization \(CHIS\)](#)

National Networks of Libraries of Medicine [Training](#)

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# EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATIONS

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# Building a shared infrastructure

## Bringing Public Health and Public Libraries Together

Explore the benefits of strong partnerships between Public Libraries and Public Health departments based upon findings from a collaborative project by Midwestern Public Health Training Center, National Networks of Libraries of Medicine, and Public Library Association.

<https://www.mphtc.org/libraries/>

[Bringing Public Health and Public Libraries Together: Collaboration Toolkit](#), a project between the Network of the National Library of Medicine Greater Midwest Region, the Public Library Association, and the Midwestern Public Health Training Center

**For more information visit [mphtc.org/libraries](https://www.mphtc.org/libraries)**

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# Lee County Public Library Community Health Hub

*A Rural Library Health Initiative presented by Quin Knox*





LCPL Community Health Hub Services





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Hub Member Name

Date

## \$10.00 VOUCHER FOR FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES



LEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
COMMUNITY HEALTH HUB



FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY  
IMPACT & HEALTH EQUITY

Redeemable only with LCPL Health Hub Vendor

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# What's next for the Community Health Hub?

Our ambitions for 2022 and beyond



- ✓ Expand to services to other areas of the county
- ✓ Secure van for library and health hub services
- ✓ Continue partnering with local agencies to expand services to members.
- ✓ Offer programming specifically for hypertensive and diabetic members.

# Telehealth in Rural Public Libraries

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# What is it?

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# How does it work?

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# Outreach

## Check out telehealth at your local library!

- Call to schedule your appointment
- Complete your pre-visit check-in electronically
- Show up at the library for your appointment!

817-735-7675

[unthsc.edu/patient-care](https://unthsc.edu/patient-care) | [pottsborolibrary.com](https://pottsborolibrary.com)



Visit the resource for libraries! [Telehealth Community of Practice](#)



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## Public Libraries & Public Health

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library | [delawarelibraries.org/imagination](http://delawarelibraries.org/imagination)

Inspire a love of reading! Kids who read, succeed!



[https://issuu.com/dam-dpha/docs/delaware\\_journal\\_of\\_public\\_health\\_-\\_public\\_librari](https://issuu.com/dam-dpha/docs/delaware_journal_of_public_health_-_public_librari)



*One of the telehealth kiosks launching in three Sussex County libraries.*

# COVID-19

Columbus Metropolitan Library is partnering with Columbus Public Health to provide free COVID-19 vaccines at select locations until Aug 4. Residents can also get vaccinated at 10 neighborhood satellite clinics until Aug. 16. People getting their first vaccine at the satellite clinics will be eligible for \$100 Visa cash cards.

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Columbus libraries offering free COVID-19 vaccines

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# COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

**TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021**

**11:00am - 5:00pm**

**Jamestown Public Library  
85 Seaman Dr., Jamestown, OH**

1st & 2nd doses; Pfizer vaccine ONLY.  
*Ages 12-17 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.*

**WALK-INS WELCOME!**

Schedule an appointment at  
<https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov>



# Behavioral Health


Libraries are a key partner in the BOBC2 (Bringing our Best Care (Bamburg, Orangeburg, Barnwell, Calhoun) consortium.

- SC Office of Rural Health, SC Dept of Mental Health, Regional Medical Center, Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

**Life Getting You Down?  
We're Listening!**

**POP IN TO A  
MENTAL HEALTH  
POP-UP CLINIC**

[www.scorh.net/bobc2](http://www.scorh.net/bobc2)



**Barnwell County Library**  
40 Burr Street  
Barnwell, SC 29812  
Friday, October 8th, 2021  
Friday, November 12th, 2021  
2 pm - 5 pm



Why More Public Libraries Are Doubling As Food Distribution Hubs  
Efforts that ramped up during the pandemic have succeeded thanks to partnerships with school districts, food banks and other ...

nextcity.org

<https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/hunger-and-libraries.html>

## WHY LIBRARIES AND SUMMER MEALS?

Libraries are free and open to all, welcome children and teens, offer engaging programs, and typically have a community meeting room or space where food may be served.



### BENEFITS TO THE LIBRARY:

Access to new groups, especially underserved and marginalized populations.



Increased visibility of the library as a community asset.

Opportunities for new partnerships.



Support for summer library program through increased attendance.



### HELPFUL LINKS

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program>  
<https://www.csipreads.org/libraries-and-summer-food/>

### WHAT'S NEEDED?\*

- Staff and/or volunteers.
- Designated room or space, inside or outside.
- A sponsor.

\*There are also eligibility guidelines for the USDA Summer Food Service Program. See the USDA and CSIP links for details.

### GETTING STARTED

- Establish room or space to use.
- Determine what days and hours to serve and which meals to serve.
- Find a sponsor.
- Complete training and any paperwork.



<https://www.csipreads.org/libraries-and-summer-food/>

# Pandemic (and beyond): looking outside



FC Public Library  
@FCPublicLibrary

What a great day for gardening! Jessica and her son Patrick came to the Walkertown Branch library today to harvest sweet potatoes from their plot and to plant collards for the Fall. They enjoy being part of the Library Community Garden. Library is for growing!



2:13 PM · Oct 7, 2020 · Twitter Web App

See: [Thinking Outside: Libraries and Placemaking in Pandemic Times](#)





✓ **BORROW**  
✓ **RIDE**  
✓ **RETURN**

A FREE program operated by the  
Bethlehem Health Bureau & partners.

Bring ID to borrow a bike and lock.

Explore the city, run errands, and enjoy the outdoors!

#### LOCATIONS

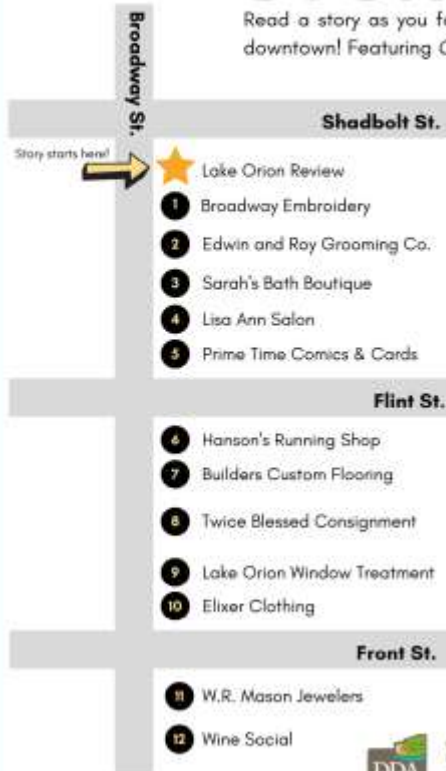
Comfort Suites  
(3rd Street)

Bethlehem Area Public Library - Main  
-Temporarily unavailable-



# LAKE ORION STORYWALK®

Read a story as you follow the path and explore  
downtown! Featuring *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell



The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Goffigly Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Mr. Ferguson.



<https://letsmovelibraries.org/storywalk/>

# LAKE PROVIDENCE WALK AUDIT!

Join us for a walk audit to help make Lake Providence safer for all road users in the community.



**Friday, May 14th | 9am - 10:30am**  
**Starting Location: East Carroll Library**  
**109 Sparrow St | Lake Providence, LA**



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East Carroll Parish Library

*Made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

For more on conducting a Walk Audit and more, see WebJunction webinar with America Walks, [One Step at a Time: How Libraries Can Promote Healthy, Thriving, and Livable Communities](#)

# Libraries Responding to the Opioid Crisis

- More than 40 states indicated **recent increases in opioid-related deaths** (American Medical Association, March 2021)
- Rural areas continue to be **impacted heavily**
- 2020 overdose deaths were nearly **30 percent higher** than in 2019 (CDC, [provisional data](#))

## New Resources Coming!

Expand on research, [Public Libraries Respond to the Opioid Crisis with Their Communities](#), to provide libraries with resources that align with five recommended areas for action:

- Evaluate local health data
- Seek community partners
- Educate staff and community members on the issue
- Consider staff care needs
- Offer programs and services that support local needs





# Q&A



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