

PLA members value the resources and services they get from their Regional Medical Library.

“As librarians, we all know how important it is to have access to trusted, reliable information—especially on topics like medicine and health care, which are so complex and change so rapidly. With NNLM’s resources, my staff and I can stay up-to-date on health information, so our patrons get the support they need.”

– **JULIE ROBINSON**, MLS, REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT SERVICES & EMPOWERMENT OUTREACH MANAGER, KANSAS CITY (MO) PUBLIC LIBRARY

“On an almost daily basis, our reference staff makes use of the resources provided for the public through Medline Plus in assisting patrons in finding information. We have also used PubMed, CAM on PubMed, and ClinicalTrials.gov.”

– **MARY CLIMES**, HEAD OF REFERENCE, MIDDLETOWN (NY) THRALL LIBRARY



JOIN TODAY

Make sure your public library joins NNLM through your Regional Medical Library as an organizational member. Once you’re a member, make sure all your library staff involved in health reference or programming sign up with individual accounts so they can register for classes and more.

Visit <https://nnlm.gov/members/join> to become a Network Member.



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PROMOTING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

a health information and health literacy initiative

Get free resources, training, and funding opportunities by joining the National Network of Libraries of Medicine today. **Membership is free!**



NNLM FUNDING CAN HELP EXPAND YOUR LIBRARY'S PROGRAMMING!

Grants offered by NNLM regional offices can help you establish new programs, create partnerships, and educate yourself and your staff, but you must be a member to apply. Here are some examples of what public libraries have done with NNLM funding:

- In partnership with the School of Health Sciences at American International College and the Springfield Food Policy Council, the Springfield (MA) City Library distributed **free soil-testing and garden start-up kits**. 'Tasty Tuesdays' nutrition workshops were offered to youth at the Mason Square Branch Library.
- The Multnomah County (OR) Library piloted the use of **health information kiosks** in select branches, collaborating with local clinics to include health information for community members who are homeless, transitioning out of homelessness, or with very low income.
- The Science & Technology Division of the Akron-Summit County (OH) Public Library partnered with the University of Akron's Department of Sport Science & Wellness Education to create a multi-week program of **loaning wearable fitness trackers** to groups of people to encourage a regular and sustained increase in physical activity.

Public libraries are essential to the health of our nation.

All Americans need access to current, reliable health information, especially as we navigate complex issues like health care, insurance, and aging. Public libraries are a go-to resource throughout this journey.

Your NNLM Regional Medical Library can help you stay informed about health information.

Joining the Network is easy and free for public libraries!

Benefits include:

- Funding opportunities for health information access and other projects related to the improvement of public health
- Training and educational opportunities created specifically for public libraries
- Partnership opportunities with health sciences libraries and other health-related information centers in your region
- Access to free educational and printed materials
- Opportunities to host a National Library of Medicine (NLM) traveling exhibition at your library
- A digital certificate recognizing your library as a Network Member