



The last M-MHSLA meeting was held on June 27, 2013. Topics discussed included:

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- Work continues on 2014 conference planning.
- A number of consumer health activities have taken place or are planned:
 - April program at Okemos Library—Mike Simmons presented Medlineplus and NIHSeniorHealth, and questions to ask during an appointment with medical professionals. Sherri McConnell made a presentation on how to evaluate websites for trustworthy health information.
 - May program at the Meridian Senior Center--Mike presented Medlineplus and NIHSeniorHealth to the 12 people at the senior center. He also talked about EHRs and privacy, HIPAA and asking questions during a medical visit.
 - Contacted CATA about their health fair that takes place at the downtown bus shelter about CADL participating. Sherri talked to their outreach/marketing person. Was told that they have to turn organizations away because so many organizations want to participate, but CATA only allows organizations that can directly provide health services.
 - Staffed the CADL table at the Capital Area Health Alliance Rally on June 8 health at the Armory near Pattengill school. With the head of the Downtown Library. Displayed health-related materials, and give out information about library programming. Potential for giving out more health-related information--information on health databases through MeL, Medlineplus and AskMe3 as examples. Have been attending these monthly meetings representing CADL.
 - Mike will make a presentation at the CADL in-service conference in November where he will talk about how to conduct health-related reference interviews, when to refer patrons to other health information facilities and what health information facilities are available in the area. (What information or assistance can the public get from area health facilities and academic libraries?)
 - Sherri will be writing the monthly health entries for the CADL blog. Eunice Borelli was doing this but is leaving to work at the Library of Michigan. Topic ideas include explaining the health exchange www.HealthCare.gov.
 - Idea: Work with Capital Area Literacy Coalition (<http://www.thereadingpeople.org/>) to create materials on health literacy for both low ability readers and ESOL readers.
- Discussed merger with ERSHLA. A number of questions were raised, so Brad Long will get in contact with ERSHLA to clarify details.
- There will be an Embase training at MSU on August 29. If others interested in attending let Susan Kendall know.
- The next M-MHSLA meeting will be held in August.