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NCLIS Announces 2006 Health Awards State Winners

Washington, DC USA, March 24, 2006—The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) today announced the state winners for the 2006 NCLIS Health Information Awards for Libraries. The Awards are designed to encourage library programs that address one or more of the following: dietary choices; exercise; smoking cessation; alcohol and/or drug abuse prevention or cessation; immunizations and health screenings; and improved health literacy, that is, the ability to understand and make use of health information. In each state, a panel of judges selected the state winners based on how well the program encouraged lifestyle improvement among the target population, the program's adaptability, collaboration with other community organizations, and how successfully the program was able to reach out to people with low information literacy skills.

Most of the winning programs have partners and collaborators who contribute significantly to fulfilling their mission. The names of the primary libraries/information delivery programs and organizations are:

Alaska Kenai Community Library

Arizona (tie) Operation Health Outreach, Glendale Public Library

Arizona (tie) Get Real, Get Fit!, Tempe Public Library

Arkansas Patient Education Resources Center, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System

California Pacific College of Oriental Medicine Library

Colorado Community Breast Cancer Resource Center, Pikes Peak Library District
Connecticut Healthnet: Connecticut Consumer Health Network, Lyman Maynard Stowe

Library, University of Connecticut Health Center

Delaware Sussex County Consumer Health Library Program, The Delaware Academy of

Medicine

District of Columbia Public Library

Columbia

Florida Healthy Connections, Orange County Library System

Idaho Get Real, Get Fit!, Portneuf District Library

Illinois Project Healthy, Alliance Library System and partners

Indiana Healthy Living, Whitewater Valley Community Library District Iowa Patients' Library, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

Kansas JoCoHealth.net, Johnson County Library Kentucky Olive Hill Adult Learning Center/Library

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Library

Maryland Healthy Lifestyles Observance Program, Union Memorial Hospital Medical Library

Massachusetts Access to Community Health Resources, Treadwell Library, Massachusetts

General Hospital

Michigan Taking Life in Stride, Plymouth District Library

Minnesota Prevention Resource Center

Mississippi Consumer Health Education Center, Rowland Medical Library, University of

Mississippi Medical Center

Montana North Valley Hospital Planetree Community Health Resource Library

Nevada Las Vegas Clark County Library District

New Jersey University Libraries of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

New Mexico Border Health Information and Education Network, New Mexico State

University Library

New York CLIC on Health for Seniors, Rochester Regional Library Council Library of the Health Sciences, University of North Dakota

Ohio NetWellness, University of Cincinnati and partners
Oklahoma Health Information Center, Saint Francis Health System

Pennsylvania Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center South Carolina REACH 2010 Charleston and Georgetown Diabetes Coalition's Library

Partnership

South Dakota Health Connect of South Dakota

Tennessee Health Information Center, Memphis Public Library

Texas Cancer Resource Library, Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital

Utah GoLocalUtah and partners

Vermont Dana Medical Library, University of Vermont

Virginia Community Outreach Information Network, Tompkins-McCaw Library, Virginia

Commonwealth University Libraries

Washington Community Health Library, Kittitas Valley Community Hospital West Virginia Health Information Center, Charleston Area Medical Center

Wisconsin John & Nettie Mooney Health Resource Center, Gundersen Lutheran Health

System

Although these states did not submit an entry, their state librarians would like to recognize the following libraries' health information programs:

Maine Central Maine Medical Center, Health Sciences Library

Nebraska McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Oregon PeaceHealth Oregon Region Eugene Public Library

On behalf of the Commission, Dr. Beth Fitzsimmons, Chairman, extends her hearty congratulations to every one of these state winners!

ABOUT NCLIS

The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) is a permanent, independent agency of the Federal government charged by Public Law 91-345 to advise the President and Congress on national and international library and information policies, to appraise and assess the adequacies and deficiencies of library and information resources and services, and to develop overall plans for meeting national library and information needs.