



# Top Ten Benefits of Being a GMR Network Member



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## Introduction

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) is a network of libraries and information centers in the United States that provides health professionals and librarians with timely, convenient access to biomedical and health care information. The Greater Midwest Region includes ten states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Network membership provides opportunities for professional development by offering workshops that teach techniques for searching the National Library of Medicine's databases. All workshops are free and can be tailored to meet the needs of health professionals, librarians or consumers.

The GMR staff maintains a collection of books, audiotapes and videos focused on health sciences librarianship. Members can use the GMR Lending Library to borrow professional material for a self-directed approach to continuing education.

The GMR offers network members opportunities to apply for funding for their libraries. Funds obtained through the GMR may be used to enhance technology, expand library services or engage in outreach. You can find a detailed list of the available funding opportunities on the GMR website.

## 10. Stay Informed

- GMR newsletter/blog, The Cornflower
- GMRLIST@uic.edu
- GMR Updates

## 9. Collegial Connections

- State contacts (Get to know!)
- Electronic discussion groups
- Exhibit opportunities

## 8. Support for NLM Systems

- Topic-focused GMR classes
- GMR website and other access points

## 7. Shape the Region's Program

- Participate on the Regional Advisory Council
- Advise the GMR
- Develop plans

## 6. Project Support

- Sounding board for ideas
- Awards and subcontracts
- Training

## 5. Funding Opportunities

- Awards
- Subcontracts



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## 4. Marketing Tools

- Classes and training materials
- Promotional items
- Advocacy

## 3. Professional Development

- Get published
- Opportunities to sponsor an MLA webcast at your institution
- Earn AHIP points for exhibiting
- Attend GMR sponsored workshops and other programs
- Borrow from the Lending Library
- Attend conferences
- Teach classes

## 2. Increase Job Effectiveness & Satisfaction

- Recognition
- Support
- Training

## 1. Be a Member of an Elite Group, the NN/LM GMR

To join the network or learn more about us call toll-free: 800.338.7657 or visit us on the Internet.

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