

National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region

Region 05

Quarterly Report

Period covered: May – July, 2008

**Contractor name: Houston Academy of Medicine-
Texas Medical Center Library**

Executive summary:

Numerous significant staff activities occurred during the May – July 2008 quarter. Karen Vargas, Consumer Health Outreach Coordinator, attended the MLA DE institute held in Chicago prior to the MLA 2008 Annual Meeting. As part of this institute, Ms. Vargas received instruction on creating online courses using Moodle. She will be using the information gleaned from this training training to convert the NN/LM SCR's in-person class, *Will Duct Tape Cure My Warts: Examining Complementary and Alternative Medicine* into an online course.

NN/LM SCR staff attended the 2008 Medical Library Association's Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. The RML Director, Interim Associate Director and all Coordinators attended the RML Directors' meeting on May 16, 2008. In addition, Shikun Jiang, Technology Coordinator, and Karla Bourque, Technology Assistant, attended the Web Developer's meeting on May 17, 2008. Michelle Malizia, Interim Associate Director, attended the Community Health Status Indicators Project MLA CE course on May 17, 2008.

There were two personnel changes during this quarter. Effective July 1, 2008, Michelle Malizia became the permanent Associate Director. Ruicha "Re" Mishra rejoined the NN/LM SCR on July 7, 2008 in the position of Health Professionals Outreach Coordinator. In her new role as the Health Professionals Outreach Coordinator, she will be responsible for DOCLINE and outreach activities targeting health professionals, with a special emphasis on allied health professionals.

There were several NN/LM SCR network member meetings during the quarter, including two Regional Advisory Committee meetings (see below). The yearly Resource Library Directors' meeting was held on July 8, 2008 in Houston, TX. During the meeting, the Associate Director presented an overview of the NN/LM SCR's upcoming Year 03 activities. There was also a discussion of NLM's and the RML's Emergency Preparedness plans. The Outreach Contacts Committee meeting was held on July 9, 2008.

Karen Vargas, Michelle Malizia, and KK Jiang attended the *NN/LM SCR Emergency Preparedness* meeting on May 5, 2008 held at the Houston Academy of Medicine – Texas Medical Center Library in Houston, TX. Dan Wilson led this meeting which was also attended by representatives from each state in the SCR.

Network infrastructure:

TABLE 1. Quarterly infrastructure data.

	Current quarter (May – July '08)	Previous quarter (Feb. – April '08)
Network members – full	165	165
Network members – affiliate	723	710
Libraries providing services to unaffiliated health professionals	91 (55%)	91 (55%)

	Current quarter (May – July '08)	Previous quarter (Feb. – April '08)
Libraries providing services to public users	83(50%)	83 (50%)
Average fill rate for resource libraries	83%	81%

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) activities:

The Louisiana Regional Advisory Committee meeting took place in Baton Rouge, LA on June 13, 2008. Deborah Sibley, Associate Director of the Louisiana State University Health Science Center at New Orleans, LA serves as the RAC chair. Committee members include medical, public and school librarians, representatives from community based-organizations, the state librarian and a health care professional. The list of LA RAC members can be found at: <http://nnlm.gov/scr/about/raclist.html#A2>

The Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee meeting took place in Little Rock, AR on July 29, 2008. Mary Ryan, Director of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Library, serves as the RAC chair. Committee members include health care providers, and medical, public and school librarians. The list of AR RAC members can be found at: <http://nnlm.gov/scr/about/raclist.html#A1>

Needs assessment and evaluation activities/data:

Evaluator Cindy Olney, Michelle Malizia and Karen Vargas held the initial meeting for the *Needs Assessment of Public Libraries Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita* on July 11, 2008 in Houston, TX.

Outreach:

TABLE 2. All newly funded awards and projects.

Start/ end dates	Title of award/ Project	PI institution	PI last name	Funding amount	Project type
2.10.08- 5.1.09	<i>East Texas Connect</i>	Texas A&M University Medical Sciences Library, College Station, TX	McKay	\$25,000	Go Local
5.1.08- 4. 30.09	<i>Oklahoma Go Local</i>	University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Robert M. Bird Health Sciences Library, Oklahoma City, OK	Thompson	\$25,000	Go Local

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5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>Health Information for a Healthier Arkansas</i>	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Library, Little Rock AR	Hyatt	\$12,951	Research Library Outreach
5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>Increase Health Info Literacy Among K-12 Nurses, Consumers and Health Professionals</i>	Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Library, New Orleans LA	Sibley	\$13,000	Research Library Outreach
5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>Making the Wellness and Senior Health Connections in North Louisiana</i>	Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Library, Shreveport LA	Comegys	\$13,000	Research Library Outreach
5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>Building Sustainable Partnerships in Health Information</i>	University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center, Albuquerque e NM	Nail- Chiwetalu	\$13,000	Research Library Outreach
5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>Health Information Outreach for Underserved Target Populations in Northeast Oklahoma</i>	Oklahoma State University, Tulsa OK	Freeman	\$13,000	Research Library Outreach
5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>Exploring New Frontiers: Enhancing Access to Health Information</i>	University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Robert M. Bird Health Sciences Library, Oklahoma City, OK	Thompson	\$13,000	Research Library Outreach

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5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>Promotion of NLM Databases to Consumers and Health Professionals</i>	Houston Academy of Medicine, Texas Medical Center Library, Houston, TX	Eaton	\$13,000	Research Library Outreach
5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>Texas A&M University Outreach in 2008 – 2009</i>	Texas A&M University Health Sciences Library, College Station, TX	Carrigan	\$13,000	Research Library Outreach
5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>West Texas HQ for Health</i>	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Libraries of the Health Sciences, Lubbock, TX	Wood	\$12,829	Research Library Outreach
5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>Health Information Education and Outreach to North Texas Practitioners</i>	University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, TX	Smith	\$13,000	Research Library Outreach
5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>Promoting Health Information Access and Health Careers for South Texas Children and Youth</i>	University of Texas Health Science Center Library , San Antonio TX	Tobia	\$13,000	Research Library Outreach
5.1.08- 4.30.09	<i>Health Literacy Outreach to the General Public and Health Care Professionals in the Dallas Area</i>	University of Texas Southwest ern Medical Center Library	DeShay	\$13,000	Research Library Outreach

Update of ongoing major projects (funded at ≥ \$15,000):

The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) Library, Shreveport, LA, continued work on their Library Technology Award project. There was a project personnel change during this quarter: Michael Watson, the original PI for the project, left LSUHSC at the end of July, and Dolores (“Dee”) Jones, Head of Cataloging and Archives at LSUHSC, assumed the responsibilities. Training on the scanners began in July.

The Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center (HAM-TMC) Library, Houston, TX, continued work on its project *South Central Houston Community Health Information Center*. Principal Investigator Jeff Huber left his position of Director of Research at the HAM-TMC Library on July 28, 2008. Beatriz Varman is the new Principal Investigator and librarian Mary Jackson will share teaching responsibilities. The Riverside clinic site coordinator, Stacie Hill, left her position on June 23, 2008. LaToya Darden took responsibility of the computer lab at the Riverside clinic. Jeff Huber and Mary Jackson met with LaToya Darden on June 26, 2008 to review the project and keep her up-to-date on the demonstration/training sessions objectives. Training sessions at the Riverside clinic computer lab continued during this quarter.

The University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability Library and Information Network completed work on its *New Mexico Partners in Public Health* project. The goal and objectives associated with this project were achieved. There was, however, a specific challenge associated with implementation of the scope of work as related to the training schedule. This challenge required a no-cost extension of the contract for the project of approximately eight weeks.

The University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio Library continued work on the *SMILE* project. Project staff began identifying categories and links to include in the PHPartners.org topic website. Planning also began for the public health tutorial. Training sessions on NLM Databases for dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants were conducted at the Gateway Clinic and Kenwood Clinics.

TABLE 3. Exhibits.

Dates	Organization name	Meeting name	Location (city, state)
RML NATIONAL EXHIBITS			
6.28-7.1.08	National Association of School Nurses	<i>Annual Meeting</i>	Albuquerque, NM
7.20-22.08	American Veterinary Medical Association	<i>Annual Meeting</i>	New Orleans, LA
RML REGIONAL/STATE/LOCAL EXHIBITS			
6.7.08	University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Library	<i>Get HIP: Informing the Health & Future of K-12 Students</i>	San Antonio, TX
SUBCONTRACTED NATIONAL EXHIBITS			
5.6-10.08	National Rural Health Association	<i>Annual Meeting</i>	New Orleans, LA
5.24-29.08	American Academy of Physician Assistants	<i>Annual Meeting</i>	San Antonio, TX
SUBCONTRACTED REGIONAL/STATE/LOCAL EXHIBITS			
5.3.08	Texas Tech UHSC at Amarillo	<i>6th Annual Speaking of Women’s Health Community Event</i>	Amarillo, TX

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5.3.08	Texas Tech UHSC at El Paso	<i>Speaking of Women's Health Community Event</i>	El Paso, TX
5.4.08	Temple Beth-El Brotherhood	<i>Brotherhood Health Fair</i>	San Antonio, TX
5.5-8.08	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Library (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters)	<i>16th Annual National VOAD Conference</i>	Little Rock, AR
5.7-10.08	LSU Health Sciences Center Library	<i>National Rural Health Association</i>	New Orleans, LA
5.11.08	CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) School Team	<i>Garcia Middle School Health Fair</i>	Brownsville, TX
5.13.08	Texas Medical Center Women's Health Network	<i>Advancing Women's Health through Collaboration: Action & Advocacy in Texas</i>	Houston, TX
5.14.08	Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library	<i>Baker Ripley Culture Fest</i>	Houston, TX
5.15.08	Lasara SHAC (School Health Advisory Council)	<i>5th Annual School Health Advisory Council Health Fair</i>	Lasara, TX
5.15.08	Amarillo Senior Citizens Center	<i>Annual Spring Health Fair</i>	Amarillo, TX
5.16.08	City of Houston	<i>Senior Expo</i>	Houston, TX
5.16-17.08	Oklahoma State University	<i>22nd Tulsa Spring CME</i>	Tulsa, OK
5.19.08	Alliance of Information and Referral Systems	<i>Annual Conference</i>	Houston, TX
5.23.08	Rangerville Elementary School	<i>Rangerville Elementary Career Fair</i>	Harlingen, TX
5.28.08	Lubbock Senior Citizens Center	<i>Senior Health Fair</i>	Lubbock, TX
6.5.08	Educational Service Center Region 12	<i>School Nurse Institute & School Counselor Conference</i>	Waco, TX
6.6-7.08	Oklahoma State University	<i>11th Annual Emergency Medicine Review</i>	Tulsa, OK

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6.7.08	Gambit Weekly	<i>Gambit Weekly's Wellness Expo</i>	Metairie, LA
6.9-10.08	National Indian Women's Health Resource Center	<i>Keeping the Circle Strong: Celebrating Women's Health and Well-Being</i>	Albuquerque, NM
6.14.08	Garrison Institute on Aging	<i>Healthy Lubbock Day</i>	Lubbock, TX
6.14.08	Neighborhood Centers Inc	<i>Baker Ripley Culture Fest Health Fair</i>	Houston, TX
6.16.08	Amarillo Senior Citizens Association	<i>Annual Spring Health Fair</i>	Amarillo, TX
6.19-21.08	New Mexico Geriatric Education Center	<i>Summer 2008 Geriatric Institute</i>	Albuquerque, NM
6.21.08	United Health Group	<i>Houston Juneteenth Multicultural Health Festival</i>	Houston, TX
6.24.08	St. Bernard Parish	<i>Employee Wellness Fair</i>	Chalmette, LA
6.26-27.08	UTHSCSA Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice	<i>Summer Institute on Evidence-Based Practice 2008</i>	San Antonio, TX
7.18-19.08	Texas Academy of Family Physicians	<i>Annual Session and Scientific Assembly</i>	Houston, TX
7.19.08	Laredo Public Library	<i>Laredo Public Library Children's Health Fair</i>	Laredo, TX
7.26.08	Stand Against Violence Everyone	<i>S.A.V.E. Alief Health Fair</i>	Houston, TX

Actionable feedback received from exhibit visitors:

The *National Rural Health Association* (NRHA) meeting attendance was sparse. It is recommended by the exhibitor, that NRHA exhibits be scheduled every other year.

MedlinePlus Go Local:

No activity to report this quarter.

TABLE 4. Presentations and training provided by RML staff.

Date	Last name of staff responsible	Title of presentation/training	Location (city, state)	Number of participants	In-person or distance education
5.1.08	Malizia, Vargas	<i>Measuring Your Impact</i>	Baton Rouge, LA	31	In-person
5.27.08	Vargas	<i>Introduction to PubMed (AAPA national conference)</i>	San Antonio, TX	55	In-person
5.27.08	Malizia	Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation for Library Advocacy	Fort Worth, TX	19	In-person
5.28.08	Vargas	<i>When Your Patient is a Googler (Intro to MedlinePlus, AAPA national conference)</i>	San Antonio, TX	85	In-person
5.30.08	Jiang	<i>Can You Hear Me Now? How to Make a Podcast</i>	Houston, TX	13	In-person
6.6.08	Malizia	Prescription for Success	Abilene, TX	8	In-person
6.6.08	Malizia	Beyond an Apple a Day	Abilene, TX	8	In-person
6.25.08	Jiang	<i>Can You Hear Me Now? How to Make a Podcast</i>	Houston, TX	5	In-person
6.26.08	Malizia	Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation for Library Advocacy	San Antonio, TX	10	In-person
6.27.08	Malizia	Easy-to-Read Health and Wellness Materials for Consumers	San Antonio, TX	3	In-person
6.29.08	Vargas	<i>Savvy Library Services for Senior Health (ALA Annual Conference)</i>	Anaheim, CA	15	In-person
7.10.08	Vargas	<i>Super Searcher</i>	Houston, TX	16	In-person
7.10.08	Malizia	PubMed Central	Houston, TX	30	In-person
7.17.08	Jiang	<i>Website Usability: Making Content Easy to Find</i>	Shreveport, LA	12	In-person
7.17.08	Jiang	<i>Can You Hear Me Now? How to Make a Podcast</i>	Shreveport, LA	13	In-person
7.21.08	Malizia	Burden of Proof: Finding Evidence Using PubMed	New Orleans, LA	17	In-person
7.30.08 a.m.	Jiang	<i>Can You Hear Me Now? How to Make a Podcast</i>	Austin, TX	8	In-person
7.30.08 p.m.	Jiang	<i>Can You Hear Me Now? How to Make a Podcast</i>	Austin, TX	13	In-person
7.31.08	Jiang	<i>Can You Hear Me Now? How to Make a Podcast</i>	Austin, TX	3	In-person
7.31.08	Mishra	Prescription for Success: Health Information on the Web for School Librarians	Edinburg, TX	11	In-person
7.31.08	Mishra	Super Searcher	Edinburg, TX	11	In-person

Other staff activities:

Carrie Rogers attended a small business Supplier Diversity and HUB Networking luncheon on May 7, 2008 in Houston Texas. The session entitled "*Realize HUB & Diversity Goals Through Innovative Approaches to Banking Services, Technology Acquisition and Financial Solutions*" featured Unity Bank, Austin Ribbon & Computer, and CSI Leasing.

Ms. Vargas, along with HAM-TMC Consumer Health Librarian Adela Justice, assisted Cathy Burroughs, Associate Director from the Pacific Northwest Region, in a presentation on health resources at the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) I&R Training and Education Conference in Houston, TX, May 21, 2008. Ms. Vargas also assisted Roy Sahali of the Pacific Northwest Region at the exhibit booth for that conference.

Ms. Vargas did two presentations at the annual conference of the American Academy of Physician Assistants in San Antonio, TX. On May 27, 2008, Ms. Vargas also presented a program called *Introduction to PubMed*. She presented a program on May 28, 2008 called *When Your Patient is a Googler: Health Websites You Both Can Trust*.

On June 7, 2008 Ms. Vargas attended the symposium *Get HIP: Informing the Health & Future of K-12 Students* which was organized by University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, in San Antonio, TX and funded in part by the NN/LM SCR's Regional Symposium Award. The symposium was for K-12 nurses and school librarians, and included speakers from NLM's History of Medicine Division and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Ms. Vargas also staffed an exhibit booth at the symposium.

Ms. Rogers attended the Small Business Administration (SBA) Quarterly Prime Contractors Roundtable on June 10, 2008 at the United Space Alliance in Clear Lake, TX. The SBA encouraged prime contractors to submit nominations of small businesses for their Subcontract of the Year award. The NN/LM SCR submitted a nomination for Sherisa McClellan of Regent Sales, Inc., Fort Worth, TX. We are pleased to announce our application was accepted and Ms. McClellan was on hand at this meeting to receive this prestigious award presented to her by Ms. Rogers.

Ms. Vargas presented the program *Savvy Library Services for Senior Health* at the American Library Association's (ALA's) Annual Conference in Anaheim, California on June 29, 2008. Ms. Vargas also assisted the Pacific Southwest Region at the exhibit booth on July 1, 2008. Ms. Vargas is a member of the Library Services to an Aging Population Committee of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of ALA and participates on the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS) Library Services to Older Adults Subcommittee Meeting.

Ms. Jiang made site visits to two offices of the community-based organization Families Helping Families in Louisiana. Staff at the two offices will be applying for the Information Access Improvement Project Award.

Ms. Malizia made a presentation at the American Veterinary Medicine Association's Annual Conference in New Orleans on using PubMed to locate evidence-based research.