

PUBLIC LIBRARIES PROMOTE HEALTH: Selected from a pool of nationwide applicants, five U.S. public libraries designed and delivered community health activities to establish or deepen local partnerships and bring meaningful health services to their communities.



All public organizations can promote community health by creating healthy social and physical environments.



Public libraries are perfect partners to meet community health priorities.



As resource centers, libraries can strengthen community health strategies.



Cross sector collaboration levels the playing field.



Libraries respond to evolving needs of their communities.



Women's Health Fair

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

Buffalo, New York / Community Size Served: 919,040
Primary Partner: Catholic Health, a nonprofit healthcare system

**Education is a first line of prevention when it comes to health and wellness. Thinking about the size or scope of your community engagement before seeking partners will help you find the right people in the right organizations. Don't be afraid to ask more than once – community organizations are eager to collaborate, once they know how dynamic the library truly is.

You can be the one to show them.

-Renee Masters, Information/Outreach Specialist, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library



Iron Chef - Fruits & Vegetables

Crandon Public Library

Crandon, Wisconsin / Community Size Served: 6,054 Primary Partners:

- Forest County Health Department Council on Activity and Nutrition
- Crandon School District
- Forest County Ties that Bind Us, a local nonprofit organization

"This event built bridges across multiple dimensions of our community. We worked with our partners to explore shared outcomes for this event, which allowed us to plan together efficiently. Thinking about our health programming in terms of outcomes, and our ultimate commitment to expand our patrons' worlds, also allows us to tell our library's story in a compelling way."

-Michelle Gobert, Director, Crandon Public Library



Zumba with Felicia

Hampton Public Library

Hampton, Virginia / Community Size Served: 144,749
Primary Partners:

- Hampton Parks and Recreation
- Felicia Davis, Independent Zumba Instructor

Health programming at the library is an opportunity for community members to have an experience together. Strictly informational programs, while useful, might attract a more self-selected audience. As we learned in providing our Zumba class, activities and events for all ages and skill levels truly excite and positively surprise patrons and partners, and pave the way for them to learn more about all the library has to offer."

-Rita Scrivener, Reference Librarian, Hampton Public Library



Making Healthy Food Choices

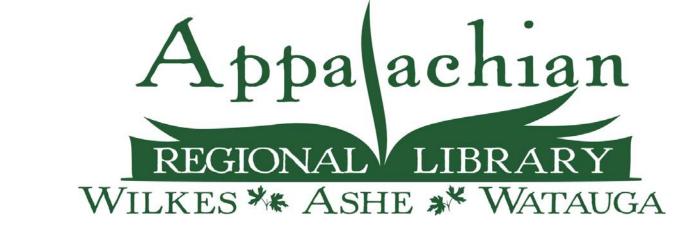
St. Charles Parish Library

Destrehan, Louisiana / Community Size Served: 52,681

- Primary Partners:Second Harvest Food Bank
- St. Charles Parish Department of Community Services
- St. Charles United Methodist Church Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry

Good insecurity in our community, and the essential work other local organizations do to address it. Through collaboration, the library and local partners can deliver programs that provide intergenerational support about making healthy choices and accessing local resources to those who will most likely benefit.

-Jessica Delgado, System Administration Librarian, St. Charles Parish Library



Better Choices Better Health Wilkes County Public Library

North Wilkesboro, North Carolina / Community Size Served: 68,000 Primary Partner: Wilkes County Health Department

library services. By partnering with our local Health
Department not only are we providing new and quality
information to our patrons - we are introducing the Health
Department to a potentially new set of clients. This single
partnership has expanded the role of the library as a center
for community health information.

-Julia Turpin, County Librarian

























OCLC's Health Happens in Libraries magnifies the role of public libraries as key contributors to personal health goals, the health of the communities we live in, and the collective goal of a healthy nation.

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