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New England Public Health Workforce Outreach. NN/ML, NER, 1/1/04- 12/31/04. $100,000. Elaine R. Martin, principal investigator. To provide content assistance and consultation in addressing redesign issues of the Partners in Public Health website.

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October 7, 2004

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Wally L. Longino, Emily Ferrera, and Eve Riklah read selections from their latest book, “The Science of the Trades.” The book examines the relationship between science and trade, and is the first of its kind to be published in New England. The event was well received, and the audience was asked to provide feedback on the book.

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For Further Information

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Regional and National Accomplishments of the NN/ML, NER

During FY2005, staff coordinators of the NN/ML, NER, coordinated with the National Library of Libraries of Medicine to implement the Library’s 2005-2006 fiscal year goals. The project team of 44 members across the region was organized, processed, and accessed resource libraries whose clientele include health educators, support groups, family caregivers, clinical providers, and patients. Among other highlights of the fiscal year:

- Nine awards were issued to eleven member libraries for electronic delivery or enhancing access through public access desktops.
- Three Express Outreach awards were issued to develop an online course, conduct a joint program for physicians, and participate in a national conference.
- Seven outreach subcontracts were initiated for the purpose of exchanging and the healthcare workforce.
- Twenty-three attendance grants were issued to members intending to showcase the 50th Anniversary of the Library.
- Twenty-two consumer health sessions were held for more than two hundred attendees who received training on MedlinePlus® and other resources; three new city were added to the curriculum.

Information for the Public: Web Sites Launched

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URLs

eMental Health in Central Massachusetts http://library.umassmed.edu/behavioral/ 

Go Local Massachusetts Website: http://www.medlineplus.gov

Presentations/Posters/Publications FY2005


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Early Childhood Resources Center. Massachusetts Department of Education, 2005-2006. Dr. Arlene J. Barri, principal investigator. To house and develop a regional center featuring a variety of resource materials for early childhood educators.


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National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England Region. (NLM Contract No. 500-LM-015-L09), National Institutes of Health, National Library of Medicine, 5/1/04-3/30/06, $6 million. Elaine R. Martin, principal investigator. To provide information, outreach, and resource sharing services in health professionals and consumers in 6 New England states.

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Presentations/Posters/Publications FY2005
- Petersen, Nancy L., and Droese, Peter W. Presentation: Utilization of the medical librarian as a provider of information services on health policy and health disparities for student and faculty audiences. Medical Library Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX, May 18, 2005.
- Finnur, Maria; Fama, Jane; and Ingrosso, Barbara. Presentation/Poster: Journals, journals—just a shelf to spare. Medical Library Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX, May 17, 2005.

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