



**GMR Updates  
Fall 2019 Meeting Report  
October 18, 2019**

***FUNDING AWAITS! APPLY BEFORE FUNDING IS GONE***

The Greater Midwest Region (GMR) of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) is now accepting applications for funding periods covering May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021.

**Applications due December 20, 2019:** <https://nnlm.gov/gmr/funding>

Research Data Award: Up to \$20,000

Health Information Outreach Award: Up to \$20,000

Expert Speaker Award: Up to \$2,500

**Have questions about the application process?** Register for an informational webinar next **Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 2 pm-3pm ET**. Registration ([a free NNLM account required](#)) and other details at: <https://nnlm.gov/class/funding-opportunities-2020-2021/17279>

***EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES***

In addition to providing free, quality information on the latest trends and issues in health sciences librarianship, NNLM/GMR can also help you obtain a specialization.

For example, you can take NNLM-sponsored classes to complete the **Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS)**. CHIS “offers *training* in providing health information services to consumers and *recognition* for the accomplishment of acquiring new health information skills.” To learn about this specialization and other specialization information (e.g. emergency management), go to <https://nnlm.gov/national/guides/obtain-specialization>

Browse the **wealth of free webinars** available from NNLM/NIH at: <https://nnlm.gov/training>

Don’t forget to check out the NNLM YouTube page for webinar you might have missed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmZqoegBFKJQF69V8d-05Bw> Most courses are accredited for 180 days.

***NNLM-SPONSORED MLA WEBINARS***

NNLM sponsors “up to ten (10) institutional registrations for MLA webinars each quarter.”

While there is funding, consider applying for an NNLM sponsorship at:

<https://nnlm.gov/gmr/funding/sponsored-mla-webinars>

***NNLM INITIATIVES*** (Selected)

1) ***All of Us Ambassadors Program***

This summer, The Ohio State University Health Sciences Library (Columbus) was one of five

award recipients of the 2019-2020 NNLM *All of Us* Ambassador Program. “Funding for this program is the result of a partnership between the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and [All of Us](#), a National Institutes of Health (NIH) research program that seeks to enroll one million or more people living in the United States to accelerate breakthroughs in precision medicine and to advance treatment and prevention.” OSU and its partners received funding to support the consumer health needs of its residents, which will be used to empower citizens to make more informed health decisions and to be more involved in their individual medical care.

## 2) **NNLM Reading Club**

The Club is a “selection of ‘ready-to-use’ fiction and nonfiction books along with free and downloadable materials designed to help libraries support the health information needs in their communities.” Want to learn more? Go to:

<https://news.nlm.gov/gmr/2018/10/reading-is-healthy-introducing-the-nnlm-reading-club/>

## 3) **National Health Observances**

Looking for tools and materials to promote Health Literacy Month? Check out the NNLM Community Engagement Network’s [National Health Observances page](#) for premade slides, handouts, social media blurbs, and kits that support health programming throughout the year. For example, October is Health Literacy Month.

### ***LATEST ON THE NEW PUBMED***

PubMed’s new interface will be released in early 2020 and the legacy PubMed will retired in several months. **Stay tuned:** There will be PubMed training beginning in November.

Some Pros of the new PubMed features:

- Responsive design (i.e. will work in mobile device, etc.)
- Cite feature (Hooray!)
- Abstract snippets and navigation
- Enhanced synonymy
- Improved sensors
- Improved Best Match sorting algorithm
- Unlimited truncation

For the latest on the new PubMed, check the PubMed Labs

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/labs/pubmed/> ([link is external](#))) and the PubMed news via the *NLM Technical Bulletin* (<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/> ([link is external](#))).

### **TOXNET Website to be Retired, Most Content Will Remain Available**

On December 16, 2019, the National Library of Medicine’s TOXNET (TOXicology Data NETwork) website will be retired. Most content will remain available through other NLM databases as well as from external websites. More details available at:

<https://news.nlm.gov/gmr/2019/09/toxnet-website-to-be-retired-most-content-will-remain-available/>

**COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS? PLEASE LET GMR/NNLM KNOW**

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