A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Brian Leaf

It is my distinct pleasure to be able to officially welcome you to NNLM Region 3, which now serves Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas. We’re almost four months in, and I cannot say how proud I am of our team for the work they’ve done to get us started. From the updated look of this newsletter and our other digital offerings to our new ability to offer continuing education credits to both medical librarians and Community Health Workers (CHWs)—well, clearly, there’s been a lot of hustling here.

And that’s just to start. There’s plenty more we have planned!
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There's no doubt that the road has and will continue to be fraught with challenges, but we remain committed as ever to serving all of you and getting to know you (especially those of you in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska!). That may seem like just obligatory language for an outreach program, but we feel it deeply every time we are trying to develop awards or build educational offerings that will help enhance the fantastic work that you all do. We serve at your discretion, understanding that there is a history to NNLM and not all changes have always been embraced. Receiving your feedback (or seeing you in our monthly webinars) helps us understand what we're doing well or what we can do to improve.

We've put together a quick website where you can find all of our contact information and upcoming opportunities. You can also find additional ways to connect with us on the last page of this newsletter. And then finally, if you're interested in our big picture plans, you can watch the Region 3 presentation I gave on NNLM Day @ MLA '21 here: https://www.nlm.nih.gov/oet/exhibits/mla/2021/nnlm-day.html.

Our lines are open. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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Meet Katie!

We are so excited to be bringing a new Data Science Specialist on board - Katie Pierce Farrier! Katie comes from an academic library background. She started her career in libraries at UNTHSC as a library assistant. After graduating with a master's in information science, she worked at Tarleton State University as their Scholarly Communication Librarian where she took an active role in instructing students and faculty on scholarly communication, data visualizations, and open education. In addition, she serves on the Open Education Conference Communications Committee and Texas Library Association's Programming Committee. She looks forward to connecting to institutions across the regions and teaching them about data science principles and resources.
New & Next
What's coming up?

Webinar: Providing Multilingual and Multicultural Health Information

This class is designed to assist librarians and others who work with diverse populations in locating health information. We hope you'll join us!

**September 29, 2021 @ 11:00am - 12:00pm CDT**

More information and registration here:

[https://nnlm.gov/training/class-catalog/providing-multilingual-and-multicultural-health-information](https://nnlm.gov/training/class-catalog/providing-multilingual-and-multicultural-health-information)

Submitted by Margie Sheppard, NNLM R3 Community Engagement Coordinator

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Funding Opportunities

See [https://library.unthsc.edu/nnlmregion3](https://library.unthsc.edu/nnlmregion3) for more details.

- LIS Fall Development Award
- Exhibit Award
- Training Outreach Awards
- Virtual Professional Development Award
- Professional Development Award

Can you believe it’s been a year since we announced our COVID-19 Health Information Outreach Award? One of our funded projects was “[How to L.I.F.T. Your Spirits During COVID-19 and Other Hard Times](https://library.unthsc.edu/nnlmregion3)” from the UAMS Center for Health Literacy. The new school year brings new challenges and this interactive module can help you plan for them. Designed for teens and adults, there is also a leader guide if you’d like to use this with your community!

Submitted by Jen Ortiz, NNLM R3 Consumer Health Coordinator
Hey, New Mexico!

Check out this announcement from your new RML in Region 4. We miss y'all, so don't be strangers! We'd love to keep in touch.

Your friends,

Region 3

Welcome to Region 4

“Bringing health information to your fingertips”

We want to hear from you!

Do you want to invite us to one of your programs/events?
Do you have suggestions/ideas for programming?
Email us: rml4@rml4.utah.edu
To hear more about our programming and funding opportunities join our listserv at:
https://lists.hsc.utah.edu/wws/subscribe/nnlm_region4
Follow us on Twitter at: twitter.com/nnlmregion4 or @nnlmregion4

Region 4 serves:
Arizona
New Mexico
Colorado
Utah
Wyoming
Idaho
Montana
North Dakota
South Dakota

Stay tuned for our bimonthly regional update. Invitations including dates, meeting link, and topic will be sent through our listserv.
Are you looking for new ways to energize your users that have the potential to advance medical research, address local and global problems, and help discover new worlds? If so, Citizen Science is for you.

Ready to get started? Want to learn more?

The National Library of Medicine has teamed up with Scistarter to offer people the opportunity to learn more about citizen science. Tutorials and modules were designed to help all kinds of people and communities engage and participate in citizen science.

Foundations of Citizen Science teaches the basics, introduces projects and helps users learn to make the most out of Scistarter. At the completion of module one, librarians can take part in the second hour of training, Libraries as Community Hubs for Citizen Science where you will discover resources and ways to make your library a citizen science hub. At the completion of the second hour, librarians can earn two professional development credits from the Medical Library Association.

Digital badges and certificates of participation are also available that link you to key skills you will practice or acquire by participating. These skills are discoverable on LinkedIn and the badge opens pathways to related badges for future exploration!

To learn more and to earn two MLA CE credits, visit go to Foundations of Citizen Science at Scistarter.org.
Solo Librarians: Join Us Each Month for Solo Chat!

Submitted by Edward Caldwell, NNLM R3 Health Professions Coordinator

Are you a solo librarian?

Are you a solo librarian in NNLM Region 3 (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas)? If so, we want you to join our monthly discussion focused on solo librarianship and its unique challenges.

It is an honor to have Louise McLaughlin facilitate our monthly discussion. We could not do this without her, and we are grateful for the partnership over the years. Louise is the information specialist at the Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As a solo librarian, she believes that learning and sharing what we know never ends, and librarians always need to be preparing for the future.

Important Things to Know

Participants that attend Solo Chat are typically from solo or small-staffed libraries, but the group welcomes any librarian that wants to join! Solo Chat meets throughout the year on the last Thursday of every month at 2 pm CT. In the holiday months, we typically move things around to fit everyone's schedule.

How to Join

The next solo chat will take place on September 30, 2021 at 2 pm CT. See you there!

Join online
Meeting link: https://nih.webex.com/nnlm/j.php?MTID=mdce4a8de46a6080a4be48ba8e6cc5d18
Meeting number: 182 580 0377
Password: solo

Join by video system
Dial 1825800377@nih.webex.com or dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number

Join by phone
1-650-479-3208 Call-in number (US/Canada)  Access code: 182 580 0377
We want to connect with you!

UNT HSC Region 3 Landing Page: https://library.unthsc.edu/nnlmregion3
NNLM Website: https://new.nnlm.gov/about/regions/region3

Email address: nnlmregion3@unthsc.edu
Sign up for news and updates: https://tinyurl.com/NNLMR3email

Region 3 Announcements Digest Submissions:
https://forms.gle/XqmQeR3FJhNkCGPQ7

We answer our phones!: 817-735-2223
Staff contact details: https://library.unthsc.edu/nnlmregion3#Contact