



ABCs of DNA: Unraveling the Mystery of Genetics Information for Consumers

4 MLA CE credit hours

4 credits as a Specialty class for MLA Consumer Health Information Specialization

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Highlands, INFOLINK, Central Jersey and South Jersey

DATE/ PLACE/ TIME: INFOLINK: Wednesday June 11, 2008, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Clark Public Library, Clark, NJ

CJRLC: Thursday, June 12, 2008, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
CJRLC lab, Freehold, NJ

SJRLC: Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Camden County Library, Voorhees, NJ

Highlands: Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Medical Library, Hackensack University Medical Center
Hackensack, NJ

Topic: Consumers need access to information and resources about genetic information in a manner that is understandable. Librarians working with the public need to be aware of the issues surrounding genetics and resources to assist patrons in locating and evaluating sometimes complex and confusing information. This class explores basic concepts such as genes and chromosomes and offers an overview of genetic disorders, genetic testing, genetic counseling, and the Human Genome Project. Ethical and legal issues associated with genetic disorders will be covered with regard to privacy, discrimination, and potential legislative impact on medicine and society. A variety of reliable health information resources will be demonstrated, including, but not limited to: Genetics Home Reference, ClinicalTrials.gov, CHID (Combined Health Information Database), NORD (National Organization for Rare Disorders), and MedlinePlus. This 4-hour hands-on class is intended for consumers, public librarians, and health sciences librarians who work with the public.

Instructor: Arpita Bose, Outreach and Communications Coordinator, NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region.

Intended Audience: Any librarians from member libraries of the New Jersey Regional Library Cooperatives and/or members of HSLANJ interested in consumer health reference.

For more information, please contact: Debby Magnan, Samuel and Sandra Hekemian Medical Library, Hackensack University Medical Center at (201) 996-2326 or via email at dmagnan@humed.com.

Registration Deadline: Friday May 30, 2008. There is no cost for the class, however participants will need to provide/buy lunch for the classes scheduled in Highlands and SJRLC. Lunch is provided by CJRLC and INFOLINK. There is a \$6.00 parking fee for the class in Highlands.

Please return registration form to: Janet Lasin, The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, Resource and Learning Center, 195 Little Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 or fax to (732) 235-9631.

Date of class for which you are registering (check one) June 11 June 12 June 17 June 18

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Please note: Directions will be sent with registration confirmation.