Archive of the September 4 2018 #critlib chat on the topic of health literacy, moderated by @akaur0. For more info about #critlib, including past and future chats, visit http://critlib.org.

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Today I used the broke/woke meme to help rephrase a piece of library communication to be more affirming and inclusive of people with disabilities. Did I just #critlib?

I'm being pretty tongue-in-cheek here but on a more serious note, I'm looking forward to the #critlib chat tonight about health literacy.
Aman @akaur0

30 minutes away from the #critlib chat on #healthliteracy! I would love to see a diverse showing across public #libraries, academic #libraries, and #medlibs. twitter.com/akaur0/status/…

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I'm looking forward to have tonight's #critlib chat about #healthliteracy too! Please bring up the example you previously mentioned! It'll be a good fit for Q4. critlib.org

Welcome to the #critlib chat on #healthliteracy! I have 5 years of experience promoting health literacy in public, academic, & #medlibs. I would love to learn about yours tonight! Please introduce yourself.

If you'd like to tweet anonymously tonight, you can do so by using the form at critlib.org/anon. Tweets will appear on the @critlib_anon account. #critlib
Q1. How would you define “health literacy”? How does promoting #healthliteracy fit into your library’s goals or into your own professional goals? #critlib

Where are my fellow #critlib-bers? Feel free to introduce yourselves, even if you are lurking.

Margaret here from San Diego, doing #healthliteracy in academic libraries for quite a few years. #critlib #medlibs

Hi Margaret! I'm based in Philly! Excited to learn from you tonight! #critlib #medlibs
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Aman @akaur0 · Sep 5, 2018
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@mehlibrarian It looks like it might just the two of us chatting about #healthliteracy tonight! #critlib

Aman @akaur0 · Sep 5, 2018
I agree! To me, #healthliteracy is under the umbrella of #infoliteracy; health literacy is the skills needed to find, understand, and evaluate info in order to make decisions about health. #critlib
Margaret Henderson
@mehlibrarian

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Q2. Health Literacy Month is in October, so Sept is a great time to ask if your library engages in #healthliteracy initiatives. If yes, what does your library do? If not, what would you like it to do? #critlib

Lalitha
@librarian_lali

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Aman @akaur0

That's awesome! Would love to learn more about this course! @pennnursinglib & I wrote lesson plans 4 a healthliteracy course for adult ed students at a nearby high school. The course never happened, but we have been presenting standalone workshops @ a pub lib since then #critlib

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I agree! Even, formally educated folks struggle with finding, understanding, and evaluating health info!
#critlib #healthliteracy

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Honestly, I wish I had a stronger foundation in EBLIP. #medlibs #critlib #evidencebasedpractice

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Margaret Henderson @mehlibrarian

A2 I was in a health lib so we celebrated Oct as medical libs month, now I'm in an all subject lib and looking for ideas for health literacy month #critlib #medlibs

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Knowing when to make referrals is key! When I see Qs that are over my head, I forward the Qs to my colleagues across disciplines and libraries. #critlib #healthliteracy

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Aman @akaur0

Me too! Sometimes, it just takes more exp/time. #medlibs #critlib #evidencebasedpractice #healthliteracy

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I took EBM classes back in the 1990s so I've had a long time to learn. There are lots of good resources aka libguides #medlibs #critlib

I always refer business questions! #critlib

Same! And special/historical collections-related questions! #critlib
As well as learning about EBP, you can look at science based medicine resources, @DrJenGunter twitter, or sciencebasedmedicine.org #healthliteracy #critlib #medlibs

Science-Based Medicine
Exploring issues and controversies in the relationship between science and medicine
sciencebasedmedicine.org

Hmm, I wonder if I could get some of my public health colleagues and students to help with something like this?
#critlib #healthliteracymonth

Last year, I did a series of social media posts to promote my library's Community Health Outreach initiatives, but this year, I want to do more by offering in-library #healthliteracy workshops (evaluating health websites, apps, news, etc).
guides.library.upenn.edu/communityhealt...
Q3. Health literacy is important for the general public as well as for health science professionals. How can libraries encourage critical thinking & #healthliteracy skills in interactions between patients and healthcare providers? #medlibs #critlib

Thanks for sharing these resources! I just learned that @DrPaulOffit from @ChildrensPhila has a new book out: "Bad Advice: Or Why Celebrities, Politicians, and Activists Aren’t Your Best Source of Health Information." #critlib #healthliteracy #medlibs twitter.com/DrPaulOffit/st...
Aman @akaur0

Quite possibly. The hospital next door has a patient ed committee that will be doing #healthliteracy-focused rounds throughout #healthliteracymonth. I invited the committee members to pick up free consumer health info handouts from the lib to hand out. #critlib #medlibs

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Research Guides: VCU Medical Center Health and Wellness Library: Home

guides.library.vcu.edu
Aman @akaur0
I lurk on VCU Community Health Education Center's website from time to time to get ideas! It has a "Patient and Family Advisory Committee" and solicits ideas for this committee to address! #medlibs #critlib #healthliteracy

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Q4. Where do you see an overlap between #healthliteracy and #critlib? #medlibs

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This yr, @pennnursinglib and I offered our #healthliteracy workshops at a public lib. We were expecting the general public and were surprised that our audience also included community health workers & outreach specialists from local health clinics & hospitals. #critlib #medlibs

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I've worked with med and nursing students who have assignments to create patient ed materials. They really have to learn about #HealthLiteracy #critlib

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Yes, they do. It serves a reminder for health sci students that they chose to serve the general public, folks who will not understand the medical/scientific terms that their profs use in class or we use while searching in PubMed. #critlib #healthliteracy #medlibs

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I thought I remembered #medlibs chat doing something about this but couldn't find it, but found #ukmedlibs did have a chat for their #HealthLiteracy week
ukmedlibs.wordpress.com/2018/06/20/tra... and there are some ideas here too
kfh.libraryservices.nhs.uk/patient-and-pu... #critlib #MedLibs

Transcript and analytics from our #H...
The transcript and analytics of the June chat, on Health Information Week, are now available. Thanks to everyone who took
ukmedlibs.wordpress.com

Must finish for the night. Thanks for the chat everyone and thanks for organizing @akaur0 #critlib

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This summer, I co-supervised 2 interns (future clinicians who happen to be POCs) and had a chat with them about the need for visuals that represent the populations that are being served. It's easier to relate to info, if we see ourselves in it. #critlib #medlibs #healthliteracy
Our time is up! Thank you, @librarian_lali and @mehlibrarian for participating the #critlib chat on #healthliteracy! Please continue conversing if you would like! I hope you both plan something for #healthliteracymonth next month! #medlibs

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