

GMR Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Report
Submitted by Rhona Kelley, RAC Representative
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This report is informational only and requires no Board action.

The GMR began a new 5-year contract with the National Library of Medicine on May 1, 2011. The UIC Library of the Health Sciences continues as the Regional Medical Library for the 10 state region from 2011-2016.

The new 20 member Regional Advisory Council includes 10 state representatives (one from each state) and 10 other members representing other constituencies such as library directors, hospitals, and the community. Working groups will be appointed that will include RAC members as well as non-RAC members.

The first meeting of the new RAC will be on Monday and Tuesday, December 12-13, 2011 at the Library of the Health Sciences in Chicago.

One of the first announcements made by the GMR was for the availability of new subcontracts.

- The GMR is funding two subcontracts at **\$25,000** each to support major outreach projects that address the health information needs of health professionals and the public.
- The second subcontract announced was to fund two subcontracts at **\$14,000** each to support specific target projects. The following five “targets” are recommended for Year 1 of the contract:
 1. Clinical Translational Science Award (CTSA)
 2. Evidence-based health information practice
 3. E-science initiatives
 4. Health information technology
 5. Minority health professionals / Minority populations

The deadline for applying for these subcontracts was August 31 with a start date of October 1, 2011.

The GMR has also defined three new priorities for the 2011-2016 contract. They are:

- To place greater emphasis on engaging hospital librarians in the work of the Network, including assistance with professional development and capacity building;
- To develop programs that assist health professionals with integrating health information technologies into their clinical practice and research endeavors;
- To increase the health literacy of the public by developing programs for librarians, health professionals, and community health advocates that enhance public access to trusted health information resources that are culturally and linguistically appropriate.

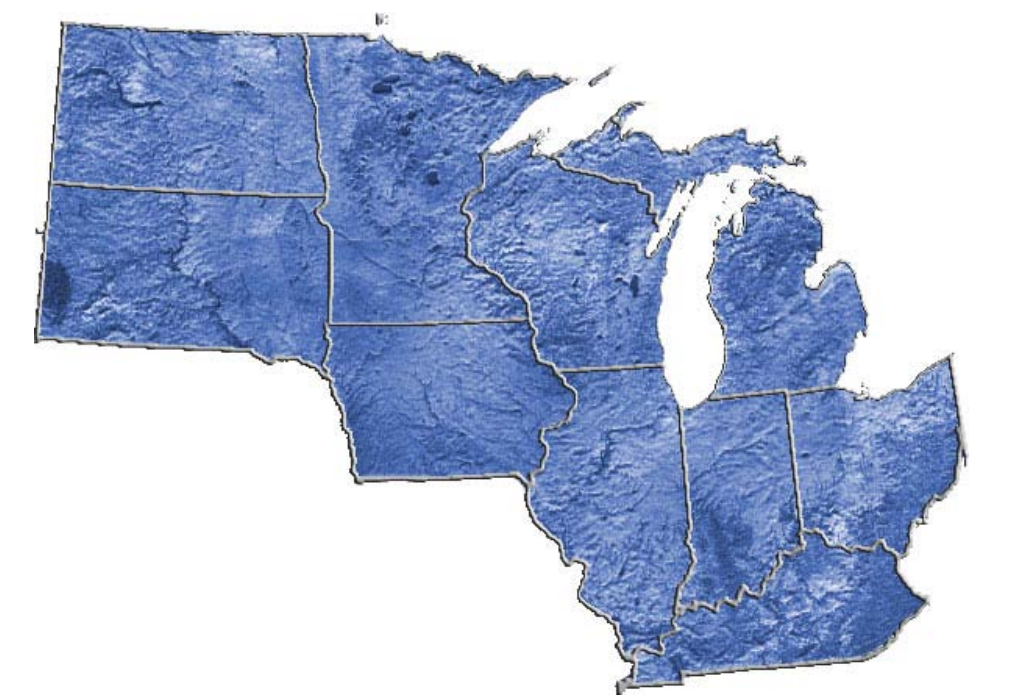
A new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the State of Illinois was needed due to the resignation of Logan Ludwig from Loyola University. Lynne Ferrell, Director of the Memorial Medical Center Library in Springfield, volunteered to fill this very important position. Her duties include teaching the “10-Step Approach to Service Continuity Planning” for libraries and to serve on the Emergency Preparedness Working Group with the coordinators from the other nine states.

Attached is a copy of a poster designed by Liz Fine (RAC Member) and Jacqueline Leskovec describing the work of the GMR.

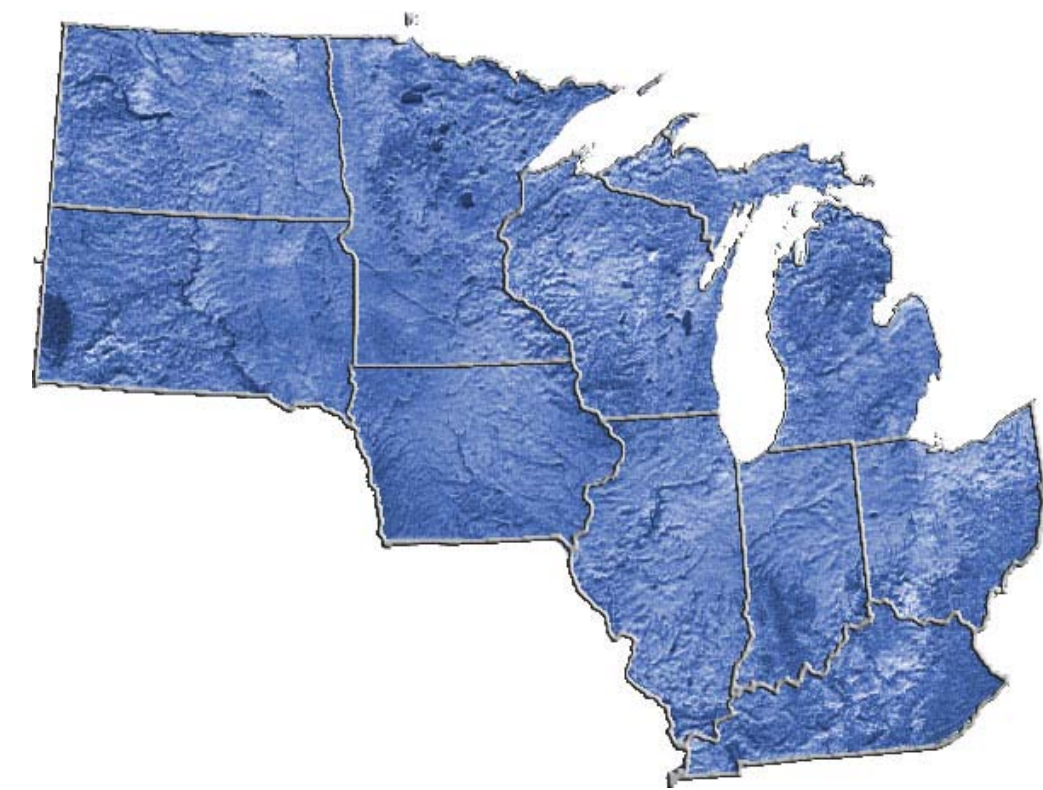
What is the GMR?

Greater Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine

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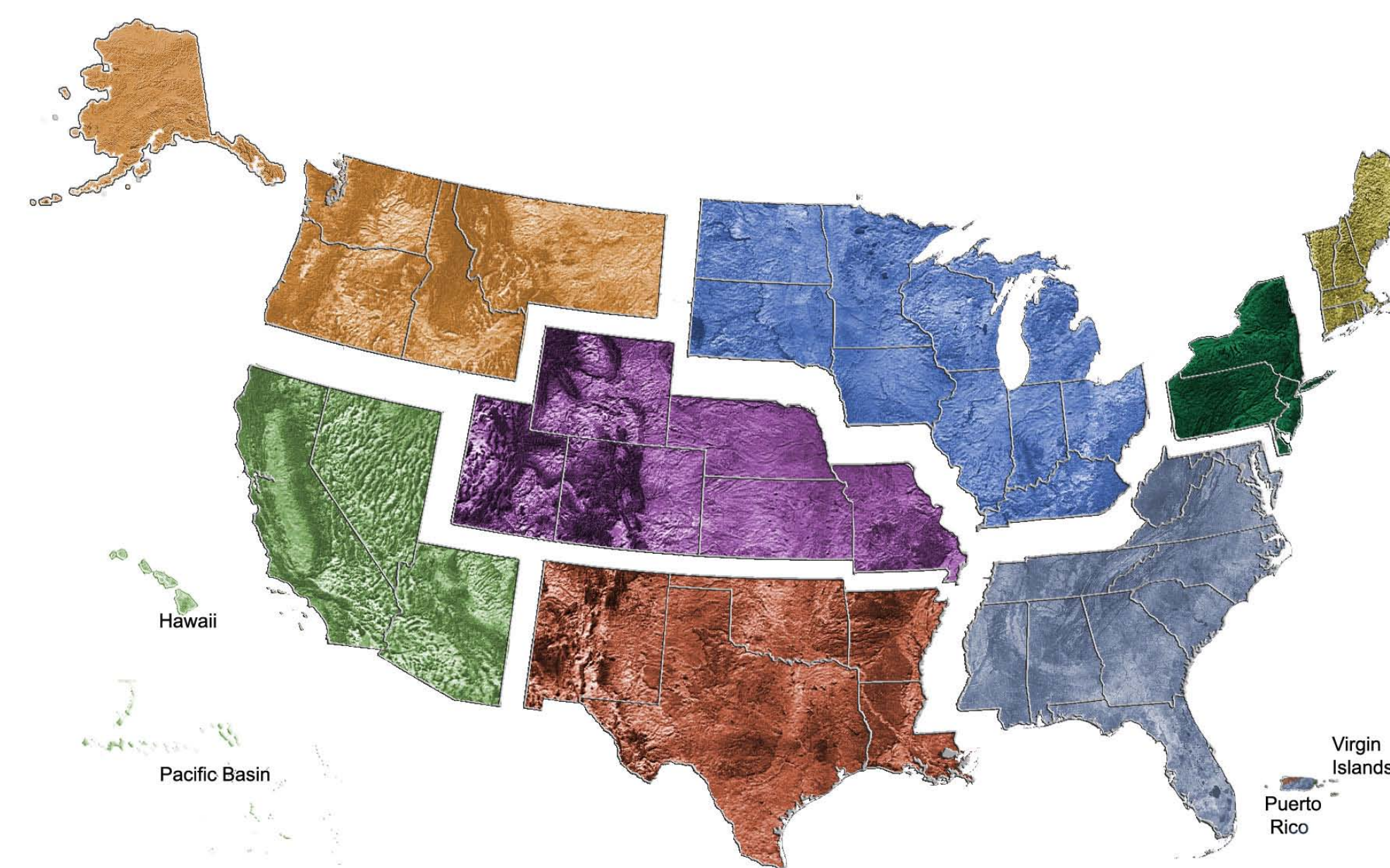
GMR as Geographic Region



- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- South Dakota
- Wisconsin

Each state has a state contact librarian within the GMR office. In addition, each of the ten states has a State Representative, selected by its Health Sciences Libraries Association, who facilitates communication between GMR staff and the state health sciences library groups. State Representatives also serve on the Regional Advisory Council (RAC).

National Network of Libraries of Medicine



The mission of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) is to advance the progress of medicine and improve the public health by providing all U.S. health professionals with equal access to biomedical information and improving the public's access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health.

- The Greater Midwest Region (GMR) is comprised of over 1,000 members, which include medical, academic health science, public and other libraries and organizations that have health information as part of their mission.



Dr. Michael DeBaakey (L)
[ca. 1964]

- NN/LM developed out of the Regional Medical Program, a Great Society initiative of the Lyndon Baines Johnson administration, initially known as the National Library of Medicine Regional Medical Library Program (RMLP).

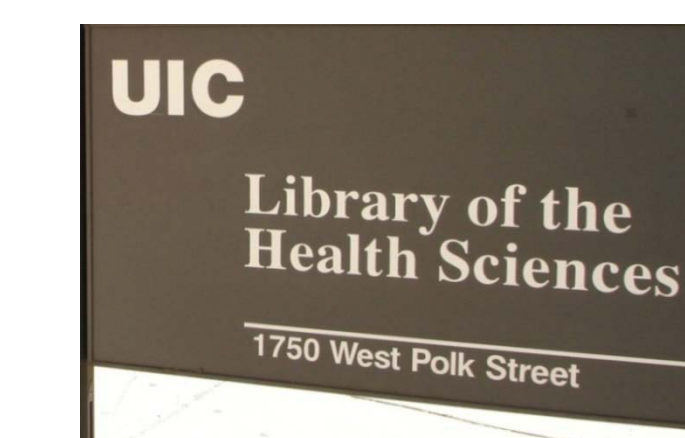
- NN/LM GMR is one of eight regions under contract with the National Library of Medicine (NLM), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services. The National Network Office (NNO) of NN/LM is located at NLM and oversees the contract.

- Previous names of the GMR include: Midwest Regional Medical Library – MRML (1968); Midwest Medical Library Network (1973); Midwest Health Sciences Library Network - MHSLN (1974); Greater Midwest Regional Medical Library Network - GMRMLN (1983).

- The GMR includes 32 Resource Libraries selected from the Region based on their collections and the special expertise they contribute to improve regional or national programs. Seventeen Outreach Libraries are chosen to assist the GMR with teaching, providing document delivery, conducting outreach projects, exhibiting and/or presenting at community events or meetings.

Source: Bunting A. *The Nation's Health Information Network: History of the Regional Medical Library Program, 1965-1985*. *Bull Med Libr Assoc*. 1987 Jul;75(3 Suppl):1-62. PubMed PMID: 3315058; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC280609.

The GMR's Regional Medical Library



University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)
Library of the Health Sciences
Regional Medical Library
NN/LM GMR

The UIC Library of the Health Sciences holds the leadership role of Regional Medical Library (RML) under contract to the National Library of Medicine. The RML:

- Houses the GMR office
- Sets the vision and develops strategies to support the mission of NN/LM
- Serves as both a Resource Library and Outreach Library
- Maintains collections in medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health, pharmacy, and allied health sciences as well as numerous special historical collections

GMR as Service Provider

- **Funding:** Awards and subcontracts, MLA Webcast sponsorship
- **Outreach:** Exhibiting at conferences and meetings; 17 designated Outreach Libraries including the UIC Library of the Health Sciences
- **Training:** NLM/NIH databases, Consumer Health, Evaluation, Grant Writing, Health Literacy, Patient Safety, Technology and more
- **Professional Development/Continuing Education:** Face-to-face and online classes offered for MLA CE credit
- **Resources:** 32 Resource Libraries, handouts, brochures, promotional items, training materials, Lending Library, website, GMR blog *The Cornflower*, GMRLIST
- **Consulting:** Project/proposal development, evaluation, emergency preparedness, technology, resource sharing

GMR as People



- Director: Kate Carpenter
- Associate Director: Ruth Holst
- Network Coordinator: Charniel McDaniels
- Technology Coordinator: Max Anderson
- Outreach & Exhibits Coordinator: Holly Burt
- Consumer Health Coordinator: Samanthi Hewakapuge
- Outreach & Evaluation Coordinator: Jacqueline Leskovec
- Business Services Specialist: Rosalva Diaz-Medina
- Information Services Supervisor: Nelly Cruz
- Technology Assistant: Ayman Hussein (not pictured)

The GMR staff is available to assist you as a Network member with your training, network, technology, outreach and exhibit needs. GMR Coordinators act as state liaisons—your first line contact with NN/LM. Connect with your GMR coordinator!

What the GMR is NOT



NN/LM GMR is not any of these organizations or services but works with them as contractor, member, partner, colleague, affiliate, etc.

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