

NYU Health Sciences Libraries Disaster Preparedness: A Team Approach

Overview

- Liaison Work & Outreach
- Research
- Collection Development
- Training
- Communications
- Special Projects
- Professional Development

Liaison Work & Outreach

- NYU LMC Community
 - Participation in NYU Hospital Center's Emergency Management Committees
 - Investigated the viability of emergency management meetings at Bellevue Hospital
- New York Community
 - Investigation of informationist role in local disaster organizations

Research

- NYU Large Scale Emergency Readiness Project (LaSER)
 - Part of the Center for Catastrophe Preparedness and Response (CCPR), one of the largest disaster-related research projects at New York University
 - Librarians supported development of mass casualty simulation models and research studies concerning population needs assessment, risk communication and legal issues for large scale response activities
 - Librarians attended LaSER preparedness consortium session held in New York City on March 3rd, 2008

Research

- Agents of Opportunity (AO)
 - Grant funded by the U.S. Army Research and Materiel Command
 - Looks at the vulnerability of the academic medical center infrastructure to terrorist manipulation
 - Librarians supported researchers based in Department of Emergency Medicine at NYU's School of Medicine
 - Librarians coordinated literature review for publications
 - Librarians attended Agents of Opportunity conference held in New York City on June 22, 2009

Collection Development

- Disaster Preparedness Resource Collection
 - Print and electronic resources
- Mobile Disaster Shelf
 - Selection of 10 grab-and-go titles stored in a wheeled, waterproof plastic case for easy portability in case of emergencies resulting in severely diminished operational capacity

Training

- Information Resources for Disaster Preparedness
 - NN/LM MAR class for medical librarians
 - Held on April 23 and October 1, 2009
 - Emphasis on how librarians can prepare for the information needs of their users (e.g. doctors, patients, administrators) in a disaster

Training

- Information Resources for Disaster Preparedness
 - Class open to the NYU community at large
 - Held on September 29, 2009
 - Part of National Disaster Preparedness Month
 - Online version under development

Communications

- Disaster Preparedness Toolkit
 - <http://hsl.med.nyu.edu/highlights/disaster-preparedness>
- NYUHSL Disaster Preparedness Team Blog
 - <http://library.med.nyu.edu/blogs/disasterpreparedness/>
- NYUHSL Disaster Prep Delicious Bookmarks
 - <http://delicious.com/nyudisprep>

Special Projects

- Credentialing
 - Use of library and library personnel to perform credentialing in times of disaster
- Emergency Drills
 - NYUHSL participated in three pandemic flu drills held in Fall 2009
 - Library supplied computers and resources

Professional Development

- Conferences

- Institutes of Medicine (IOM) Regional Workshop
“Standards of Care During a Mass Casualty Event” -
April 24, 2009
- Disaster Preparedness Summit - October 22, 2009

- Upcoming

- Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and
Response Training Summit - May 12-14, 2010
- 8th UCLA Conference on Public Health and Disasters
(Revisited) - May 16-19, 2010

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Thank You!