Call for Book Proposals: Building Health Sciences Collections: A Handbook

The Medical Library Association Books Panel is seeking author(s) or editor(s) for a book entitled “Building Health Sciences Collections: A Handbook” or something similar. This book will serve as an in-depth reference guide for those building and maintaining library health sciences collections. It will feature specific bibliographic information for top resources that will include a variety of formats, voices, and topics.

Possible chapter topics include:

- Introducing collection development for health science topics
- Building diverse and inclusive collections
- Identifying a wide array of formats
- Maintaining up-to-date collections
- Collecting in emerging topics (graphic medicine, cookbooks and other public health areas, etc.)
- Collecting for health sciences specialties (medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, etc.)
- Meeting just-in-time clinical and educational information needs
- Selecting drug information resources
- Open educational resources and other open access material
- Deselecting materials
- And more!

Please consider the list above as a jumping-off point rather than a prescriptive list.

You may write the book by yourself or edit the book and seek contributions from other librarians or information professionals. We describe the submission process at Publish a Book with MLA. To begin the process, submit your completed step 1 form to Jamie Hart Birkner at MLA by November 23. If you have questions about serving as the editor or the author of the entire volume, please contact Jamie Conklin. We cannot consider contributions of individual chapters at this time.

Do you have an idea for a book on a topic other than information resources and collection development? The Books Panel welcomes proposals on any topic likely to be of interest to health sciences librarians; simply fill in the step 1 form and submit it to Jamie Hart Birkner. More information on the publication process is available at Publish a Book with MLA.