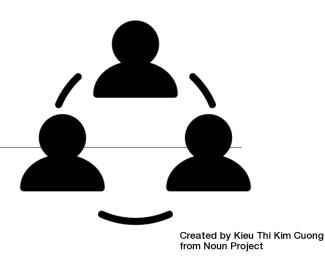
# Collaborative for Health Literacy: Log on for Health

RICHMOND EAST END CONSUMER HEALTH OUTREACH AND COMPUTER ACCESS

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# Collaboration

## Partnership includes:



- VCU Libraries
  - Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences
  - Health and Wellness Library
- VCU Center on Health Disparities

# Project Team







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# VCU Center on Health Disparities

Established in 2005 to develop the capacity of faculty, staff, students and community partners to identify the causes of and develop interventions to eliminate health disparities.



# VCU Libraries, Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences



# VCU Medical Center Health and Wellness Library

Library for patients, their families, and the community

- Trained staff help visitors find reliable health information
- Provides health and wellness programs and outreach
- Contains a variety of health resources



# Pre-term Birth Prevention Project

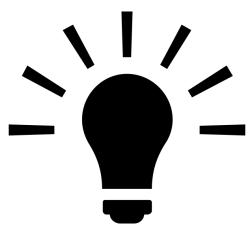
- Pre-term birth prevention outreach project (2014-16)
  - Creation and evaluation of educational materials for participants
  - Program and library tour/overview for participants
- Participants (residents and outreach workers) reported requests for:
  - Computer education
  - Patient-provider communication
  - Finding reliable online health information



# Project Idea

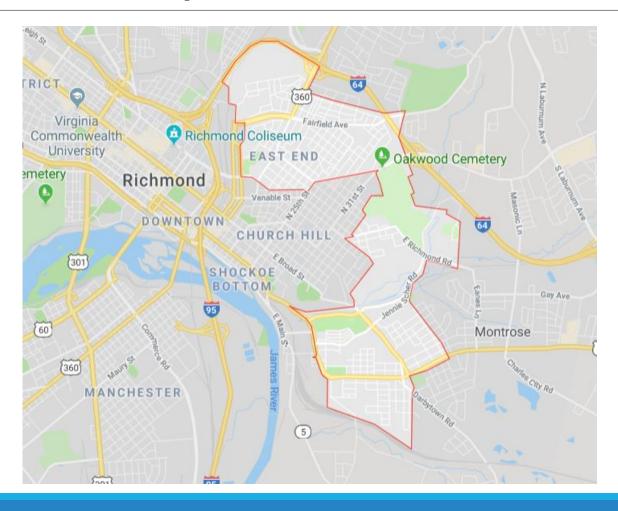
Focus on needs discovered during the preterm birth prevention project. Create sustainable activities to address gaps in health information literacy.

 Develop and conduct health literacy and technology classes



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# Richmond City East End



# Richmond City - East End

**Urban community** 

Approximately 27,000 residents

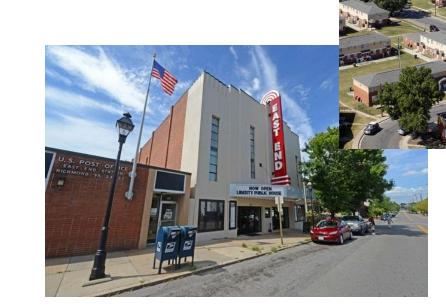
Historically African American

Low-income area

Five housing projects

Food and resource desert

High prevalence of obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and asthma

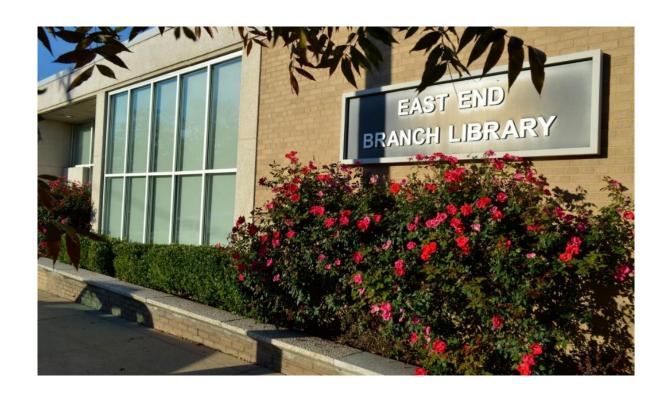


# Funding

- National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) Southeastern/Atlantic Region (SEA)
- Health Information Outreach Award
- Awarded \$15,000
  - Six Classes
  - VCU Health Hub @ 25<sup>th</sup>
    - Nine laptops
    - Mobile laptop storage unit
    - Personnel
    - Travel
    - Incentives for focus group participants
    - Indirect costs



# Richmond Public Library – East End Branch



# Log On For Health Video Introduction

https://vcu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/Intro+to+Log+On+For+Health+Lunch+and+Learn+program/1 omwttcsm

# Log On for Health Workshops

Developed 6 workshops to enhance participants' health literacy and technology skills:

- 1. Understanding Health Insurance
- 2. Finding and evaluating consumer health information
- 3. Patient Portal/Electronic Medical Records
- 4. Using Mobile Health Apps
- 5. Nutrition
- 6. Senior Health



# Understanding Health Insurance

#### **Class Description:**

Dive into online services and health education about the Health Insurance Marketplace and Medicaid Expansion. Practice with tools that estimate benefits and learn how to start an application.

#### Speaker:

Sara Cariano, MSW, MPW
Policy Specialist and Lead Navigator
Virginia Poverty Law Center



# Finding and Evaluating Consumer Health Information

#### **Class Description:**

Find websites you can trust for patient and family health information. See for yourself what makes a website trustworthy and what to think about when reviewing websites at home.

#### Speaker:

Dana L. Ladd MS, PhD., AHIP

Health and Wellness Librarian

Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries



# **Patient Portals**

#### **Class Description:**

Learn how to keep a record of your personal health history on a secure online system. Make appointments and send messages to health providers anytime, and have easy access to your list of prescriptions, tests, and results.

#### Speaker:

Terry Lockhart, MS, RN

Health Information Management

(HIM) Informaticist

Virginia Commonwealth University Health



# Using Mobile Health Apps

#### **Class Description:**

Discover Apps for computers, phones, and other mobile devices that can store your daily health records (e.g. blood sugar levels, blood pressure, diet, or exercise habits) and send reminders to keep your health on track.

#### Speaker:

Emily J. Hurst, MSLS, AHIP

**Deputy Director** 

Head, Research and Education

Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries



## Nutrition

#### **Class Description:**

Make healthy food choices (e.g. variety, servings, and nutritional value).

Rediscover the five food groups with online tools that help you find recipes and choose options for your best plates.

#### Speaker:

Stephen P. Sowulewski, PhD

Department Chair, Health & Physical Education

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College



# Senior Health

#### **Class Description:**

Meet SeniorNavigator, a local database that provides health and wellness information for seniors and caregivers." Find services you can search by zip code, city, or county.

#### Speaker:

**Bonnie Scimone** 

**Community Specialist** 

SeniorNavigator



# Log on for Health Workshops

#### Workshop Structure:

1.5 hour long session 11:30am - 1:00 pm

- 11:30 12:00 Computer Basics Class (optional)
- 12:00 − 12:45 Lunch and Workshop Presentation
- 12:45 1:00 Hands on with MedlinePlus



# Video Introduction to MedlinePlus

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# Advertisement

Flyers

Social Media

**Resource Centers** 

Partner Network Announcements

- The RFAD Center
- Richmond Public Library
- VCU Libraries

**Phone Call Reminders** 

#### Log On For Health

Learn how to use online tools to make informed decisions for your health.



#### **Healthy Eating**

Use online tools to help you make healthy food choices. Meet with a food expert to rediscover the 5 food groups along with options for a well-balanced diet.

Day: Wednesday, March 13

Time: 12pm - 1:30pm (BONUS: come at 11:30am for computer basics practice)

Place: Richmond Public Library, East End Branch 1200 N 25th Street, RVA 23223

VCU and local literacy advocates are teaming up to boost online skills for your health. Classes will explore online health tools with hands-on activity and connection to health services and providers.

Monthly classes are scheduled through April 2019. Lunch is provided. Limited transportation available.

To RSVP, please contact:
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# Attendance

Workshops at the Richmond Public Library – East End Branch began in November 2018 and continued through April 2019.

Workshop Title	Date	Number of Attendees
Understanding Health Insurance	November 7	8
Finding Consumer Health Information	December 5	10
Medical Records	January 9	10
Finding Health and Wellness Mobile Apps	February 6	10
Nutrition	March 13	3
Senior Health	April 10	10

# Participant Demographics

Variable	Category	Frequency (%)
Sex	Male Female No Response	3(17.6) 9(52.9) 5(29.4)
Education Level	Some High School High School Some College College Degree or More No Response	1(5.9) 4(23.5) 7(41.2) 0 5(29.4)
Age	>50 21-49 <20 No Response	6 5 1 5

# Evaluation

	Yes	No	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
Did this training introduce you to at least one health information resource that you have never used before?	43 100%	0	-	-	-	-	0 0%
Did you learn a new skill that you plan to use in the future?	43 100%	0 0%	-	-	-	-	0 0%
Did you improve your ability to apply a resource you already use?	42 97.6%	1 2.4%	-	-	-	-	0 0%
This training improved my ability to find useful online health information.	-	-	40 93.0%	2 4.7%	0 0%	0 0%	1 2.3%
I plan to start using at least one resource or tool that I learned about in this training	-	-	40 94.4%	2 4.7%	0 0%	0 0%	1 2.3%
I plan to tell others about at least one resource or tool that I learned about	-	-	41 97.6%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 2.3%

# Evaluation – Qualitative Data

Category	Code	Count		
How will you use what you have learned?				
Personal Use	Learn about my condition Get help with medicines Look up medicines and side effects I plan to use MedlinePlus for more accurate information How to avoid false websites Use my patient portal more Practice Learn about hidden fees of mobile apps and Learned to check reviews of apps	2 1 1 1 1 1 3 1 1		
Social Use	Spread information in meetings I will tell other people about it Tell community about it Help my family out	1 4 4 1		
Professional Use	Public health In daily data Improving computer skills	1 1 1		

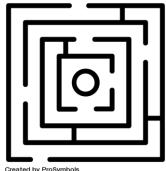
# Challenges

Transportation

**Location Change** 

#### **Basic Computer Skills**

- Mouse (clicking)
- Turning the computer on/off
- Email
- Passwords



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# Next Steps

#### VCU Health Hub at 25<sup>th</sup> opened in May 2019

- Oct. 2019 First class at the Health Hub!
- Fall 2019 Offerings:
  - Senior Navigator-Financial Health
  - Tobacco Cessation
  - Senior Navigator-Overview of Senior Resources



## VCU Health Hub at 25th

# Health Education and Wellness Center located at the corner of Nine Mile Road and 25<sup>th</sup> Street

- 27,000 square-foot grocery store
- 5,600-square-foot facility featuring:
- Health screening and consultation spaces
  - Behavioral health support
  - Grief counseling
  - Nutrition counseling
  - Exercise classes
- Community room

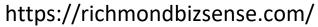


Health education resource center



# VCU Health Hub @ 25th









http://www.pfa-architect.com/recent-news

# Questions?







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