News from New Brunswick

News from Horizon Health Network Library Services

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With October being Canadian Library Month and Medical Libraries Month (per the Medical Library Association), Horizon Library Services decided to embrace the opportunity and put on a month of activities for staff, physicians, students, volunteers, and anyone else affiliated with the health authority. We kicked off the month with a newsletter which introduced our activity schedule, promoted our new library blog on the corporate intranet, and invited staff to try their hand at a trivia quiz on Library Services to win a prize. We set up “pop up” libraries in each of the major hospitals’ cafeteria for the day, bringing the library out into other parts of our buildings, as well as invited staff to drop by our physical library spaces on Canadian Library Workers’ Day. Two of our biggest hits were the lunch and learn sessions we put on, by videoconference to allow staff from all sites to attend. Our topics were zombie science and outdated resources, teaching staff about the lifecycle of research and what happens to retracted papers, and how to use Google more effectively for their searching.

We really enjoyed the month (maybe a little too much! See some of the stickers we handed out, designed by library technician Shannon MacTavish. They were very popular!) We’ve also received lots of great feedback so far.