

DHSS Library Selected to Host Traveling Exhibition about Native Concepts of Health and Illness

NEW CASTLE (Feb. 17, 2017) – The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) Library has been selected in a competitive application process to host “Native Voices: Native Peoples’ Concepts of Health and Illness,” a traveling exhibition to U.S. libraries. The DHSS Library will host the exhibition between March 1 and April 12, 2017.

“Native Voices” explores the interconnectedness of wellness, illness and cultural life for Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. Stories drawn from both the past and present examine how health for Native People is tied to community, the land and spirit. Through interviews, Native People describe the impact of epidemics, federal legislation, the loss of land, and the inhibition of culture on the health of Native individuals and communities today.

“We are so pleased to bring the National Library of Medicine’s fascinating exhibition to the Delaware community,” said Alison Wessel, DHSS Library Director. “We look forward to bringing together valuable community partners to provide educational workshops in conjunction with the exhibition to enhance visitors’ learning about these powerful concepts.”

As one of 104 grant recipients selected from across the country, the DHSS Library will host the traveling exhibition for a six-week loan during its tour of the United States from February 2016 to June 2020. The exhibition will be on display at the DHSS Library in the Springer Building at DHSS’ Herman Holloway Campus 1901 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle. The library is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday

through Friday. There is no charge to view the exhibition.

“Native Voices: Native Peoples’ Concepts of Health and Illness” was displayed at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Md., from 2011 to 2015. To learn more and view content from the exhibition, visit <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices>.

A schedule of the exhibition and related events at the DHSS Library is available at <http://guides.lib.de.us/nativevoices>.

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About the National Library of Medicine

The National Library of Medicine (NLM), on the campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., has been a center of information innovation since its founding in 1836. The world’s largest biomedical library, the National Library of Medicine maintains and makes available a vast print collection and produces electronic information resources on a wide range of topics that are searched billions of times each year by millions of people around the globe. It also supports and conducts research, development, and training in biomedical

informatics and health information technology. In addition, the Library coordinates a 6,000-member National Network of Libraries of Medicine that promotes and provides access to health information in communities across the United States.

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