



A CHILI Recipe Contest: Careers in Health Information, Librarianship, and Informatics



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<http://bioinfo-career.org>

Cushing Under (Magnifying) Glass Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, Yale University

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Local high school with health sciences career track
- Several 11th grade Yale Science Collaborative Hands-On Learning And Research (S.C.H.O.L.A.R.) Students
- 1 Health Sciences Library CHILI coordinator
- 1 High School Internship Coordinator and 1 High School Principal
- IMLS and matching funds for stipends
- Planning and communication with library management and marketing teams

PREPARATION:

- Present library class to SCHOLAR students during their summer program
- Deliver CHILI internship applications
- Interview (4) students; review their essays
- Select 2 interns--only one began immediately
- Program last 60 hours over 10 weeks with \$600 stipend earned by student

SERVING:

Student, principal, and internship coordinator learned about health information careers

NUTRITIONAL VALUE:

High Calorie
Maximum career exposure and compensation for participation



Texas Style CHILI HAM-TMC Library, Houston, TX

INGREDIENTS:

- Advisory committee of local librarians
- 1 Part-time recruiter
- 2 High school students - Chioma Uzoma, DeBakey High School for Health Professionals and Shana Simon, Barbara Jordan High School
- 1 HAM-TMC library manager
- 1 Major project identifying web-based consumer health information in 5 languages

MIXING:

- Attend library classes (e.g. PubMed, Finding Health Information on the Internet)
- Assist at Reference Desk
- Gain overview of various library departments
- Visit numerous libraries around Houston

BAKING:

At about 100 degrees Fahrenheit with 98% humidity in the hot Texas sun

SERVING:

Identified over 800 consumer health documents
Conducted final presentations

NUTRITIONAL VALUE:

Both students returning for Summer 2007



Beltway Blintzes Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library, Howard University



PREPARATION:

Send invitations to principals at adopted schools
Receive approval from school authorities

Contact coordinators and agree on date

Distribute parental permission forms

Acquire supplies; order meals
Prepare handouts and library instructional sessions

SERVING:

Large group of enthusiastic students

NUTRITIONAL VALUE:

- Interest generated in library careers
- Student familiarity with medical/health science library career opportunities
- Teachers/counselors commitment to bringing students to the annual event

Biomedical Symposium Gumbo Welch Library, Johns Hopkins University

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Local high school with health sciences career track
- 19 highly motivated high school students
- 1 Health Sciences Library CHILI Coordinator
- 1 Coordinator - Dunbar-Hopkins partnership

PREPARATION:

Take 1 minority high school biomedical symposium with educational workshops, video presentations, interactive sessions, and exhibits/posters. Combine with a diverse group of students interested in careers in the biomedical sciences and health professions.

SERVING:

Underrepresented minority students exposure to a wide spectrum of career opportunities in biomedical sciences and health profession fields.

Students encouraged to pursue careers in biomedical sciences and health professions



NUTRITIONAL VALUE:

Provided an opportunity for students to interact with minority professionals from a wide spectrum science and health profession

Rocky Mountain Mixers Denison Memorial Library, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Science Center

INGREDIENTS:

- Office of Diversity Staff
- Several Library Staff
- Local High School Students

MIXING:

Database Training
Classes, Panel Discussions, Ice Cream Social, Job Shadow Day

SERVING:

Educated HS students with career options a la mode

NUTRITIONAL VALUE:

"I didn't realize that being a librarian was more than sorting books. It's kind of exciting actually! I would have NEVER guessed it."

"Learning a lot of options within librarianship"

"Learning that it's not as boring as it seems."

"Everyone should go through the database training. It was very helpful for me so I now use it all the time"

"Librarians like to have fun just like us. It definitely changed my mind about the profession. I was sooooo wrong."



Twice-Baked Internship University of Tennessee Health Sciences Library

INGREDIENTS::

- 1 Experienced health sciences librarian
- 1 Dedicated high school media specialist
- 1 Committed high school science teacher
- 1 Staff connected to city and county schools
- 3 Supportive administrators from county/city systems
- 1 Supportive library director
- 1 Creative staff member
- 3 Interesting events
- 2 Returning interns

SERVING:

2006 interns who expressed a desire to return as 2007 interns pending successful completion and submission of application

PREPARATION:

- Recruit campus staff with city/county school system contacts
- Gain administrative support from library and school systems.
- Allay fears that the recruitment will not be directed towards current librarians
- Invite librarians to bring students to fast-paced and interesting exposures at the library and health science center

NUTRITIONAL VALUE:

"Ashley and I had to organize (Ms. Green's) team responsibilities for this particular day. According to plans everything went smoothly and great!"



Chili Gumbo, Dahlgren Style Dahlgren Memorial Library, Georgetown University; Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library, George Washington University; Welch Medical Library, Johns Hopkins University

INGREDIENTS:

- HS students from Greater DC Metro area
- Junior Science & Humanities Symposium (JSHS) '07
- Invitation to participate in seminar session

Associate Dean for Students & Special Programs - School of Medicine

3 Health Sciences Librarians; 1 Education Services Associate from Washington, DC and Baltimore with varied work experiences and diverse backgrounds

PREPARATION

- Develop appealing promotional item to attract students to the session
- Coordinate planning presentation with other team members and symposium organizers

SERVING:

Presented 2 seminar sessions, "Solving Puzzles: Providing Evidence Based Support for Health Professionals"



NUTRITIONAL VALUE:

Students learned about health sciences library career opportunities and research principles, and

How librarians assist with biomedical research.

Increased knowledgebase of student's teachers/mentors.

Students learned myths about librarians are exceptions rather than the rule.

St. Louis Shadow Day Soufflé Becker Memorial Library, Washington University-St. Louis



INGREDIENTS:

Academic medical library CHILI coordinator familiar with external communications and outreach

Principal and teaching/counseling staff from Eskridge High School, Wellston, MO

Three high school juniors from Eskridge

PREPARATION:

- CHILI coordinator presents "shadow day" concept to school personnel
- Library staff plan day-long CHILI visit
- Eskridge students spend day at Becker involved in seven different events

SERVING:

"This field trip experience was wonderful and exciting. It opened my eyes, and changed the way I view librarians"

Nutritional Value:

Multivitamin equivalent--variety of medical library occupations observed; and, easy to serve--one day event with multiple library staff contributions