



## Region 1 Annual Report 2025-2026

### Overview of ROC and Annual Goals

Located at the University of Maryland Baltimore Health and Human Services Library, Region 1 provides training, education and funding opportunities to Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

### 2025–2026 Goals

- Maintain up-to-date member organization records to support coordinated regional communication
- Fund regional subawards that expand access to reliable health information and strengthen community outreach
- Deliver training that builds member capacity to meet community needs

### Year by the Numbers

- 1859 members
- 5 regional trainings with 310 participants
- 19 member engagement activities
- **Top training class:** *Providing Mental Health Resources at Your Library* (150 participants)

### Funding

- 7 funded projects
- \$68,000 total funding support
- 100% first time recipients
- 23 activities funded

**Project Highlight:** *Improving prostate cancer health information access for rural older adults in North Carolina*

Improved awareness and access to high quality health information to support prostate cancer care across 3 rural North Carolina counties.

### Key Accomplishments

- Sponsored 23 Medical Library Association Professional Development Specializations
- Conducted trainings for the Disaster Preparedness Forum 2025 hosting 8 events with 353 participants
- Exhibited at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Medical Library Association Conference engaging over 300 attendees

- Added 14 new regional member organizations

### Top Programs and Activities

**University of Kentucky, School of Library Science Alternative Spring Break Program**

- Supported 2 library science students for a week-long experience to gain professional experience in health sciences librarianship to help future professional support access to public health information.

**DC Public Library Professional Development Training**

- Partnered with DC Public Library to deliver training to 14 staff members with a professional goal to expand public health literacy and support in achieving the levels 1 and 2 of the MLA Consumer Health Information Specialization.