

# Adapting - Transforming - Leading: A Year in the Life of a NNLM Sponsored Outreach Librarian

Katherine Chew, Research/Outreach Services Librarian, Health Sciences Libraries, University of Minnesota [chewx002@umn.edu](mailto:chewx002@umn.edu)

## Ramsey County Librarian Workshops

May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Ramsey County librarians asked for and attended workshops on connecting seniors and foreign-born populations to quality health information.



## Objectives:

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) establishes partnerships with health sciences libraries that share the NNLM's mission of outreach. Outreach librarians sponsored by NNLM regional offices conduct a wide range of activities on the behalf of the NNLM to public libraries, health professionals and to the general public with emphasis on instruction on National Library of Medicine resources. .

## Methods:

As a designated Partner Outreach Library for the Greater Midwest Region (GMR) NNLM, the Health Sciences Libraries Outreach Program supports the outreach mission of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine and aids the GMR in its mission to improve awareness of and access to reliable, freely available, online health information resources by delivering programming within the local communities on such topics as health literacy, healthy aging, information resources for immigrants, NLM science resources or outreach librarianship. This is done through exhibiting at strategically chosen health or community events or conferences throughout the year, presenting informational sessions at these conferences, conducting training or workshops at public libraries for library staff or patrons, providing PubMed instructions for local high schools, and participation in GMR grant funded outreach projects.

## Hennepin County Librarian Workshop Minnesota Gerontological Society



April 10<sup>th</sup> & 12, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Taught workshops in two locations for 48 Hennepin County Library staff on PubMed. Facilitated a "conversation circle" on senior health resources at the MN Gerontological Society annual conference.

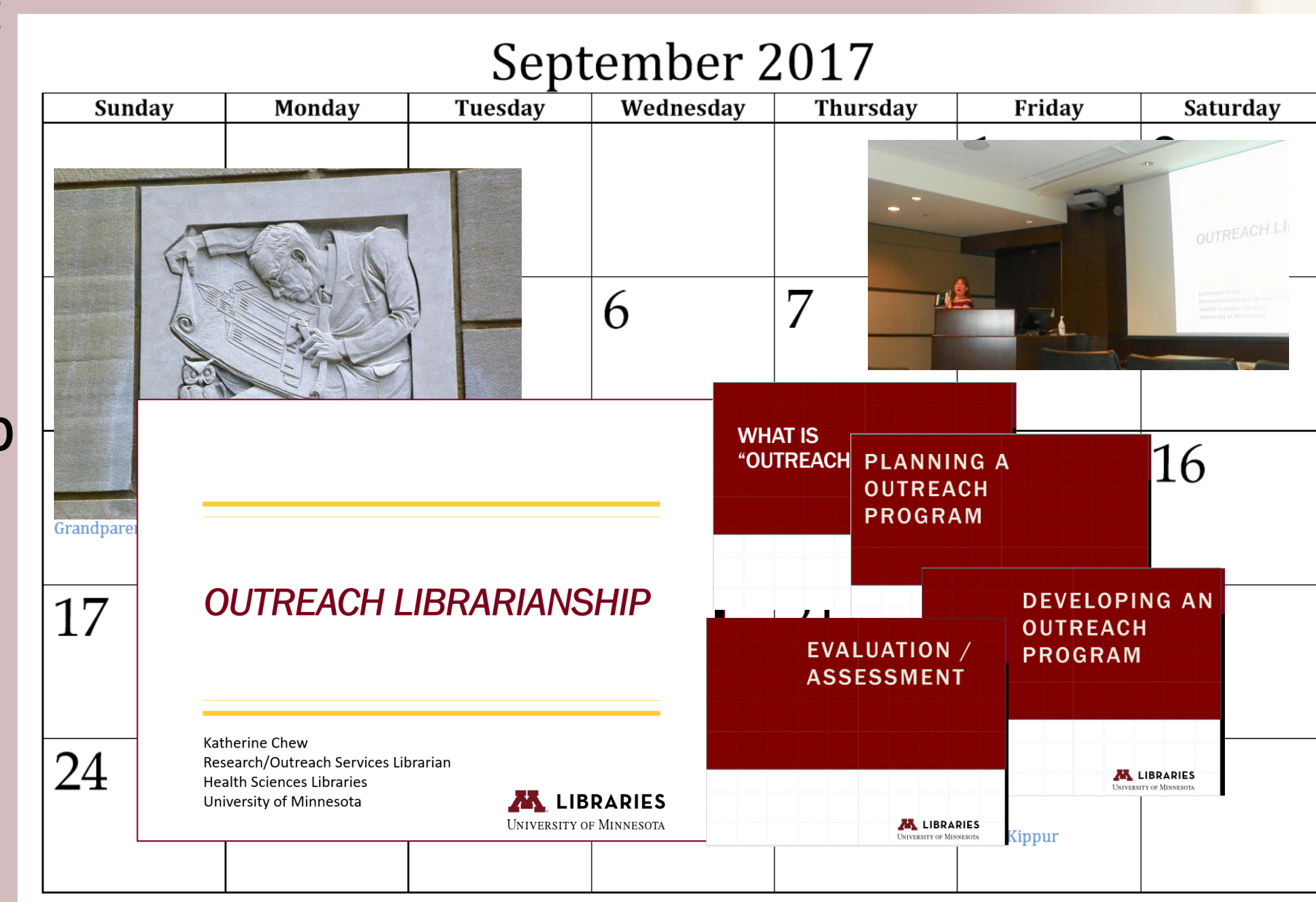
## Minnesota State Fair



August 28, 2017: At the Great Minnesota Get-Together, over 500 state fair attendees stopped by to take the iPad health information quiz, learn about historical anatomy, and meet Flexible Fred – Goldy Gopher included.

## Mayo Clinic Staff Development Days

September 26, 2017: Program organizers for the annual Mayo Library staff development days asked for a workshop on outreach librarianship. Over thirty staff attended the two hour workshop.



October 10-11 & October 26, 2017: With Liz Kiscaden, NNLM/GMR, presented at the MN Library Assn a session on combating fake health news. Also staffed an exhibit table where librarians interested in having NLM workshops could sign up. Staffed a exhibit table at the Many Faces of Community Health.

## Minnesota Library Association Many Faces of Community Health



January 5<sup>th</sup>, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Walked nearly 140 high school students in five health classes through how to critically assess health resources. Taught 15 Fairview chaplains how to use PubMed/Medline to do spiritual care research.

## Fairview Health System Chaplains Lakeville South High School



## Minnesota Science Teachers Minnesota Legislative Library Roseville Public Library



November 10<sup>th</sup>, November 28<sup>th</sup> & November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Presented Resources to Enhance Science & Health Instruction at the MN Science Teachers conference, talked to Roseville Public Library patrons about finding reliable health information and instructed MN Legislative librarians in PubMed.

