RE: Traveling Exhibit *Native Voices: Native People’s Concepts of Health and Illness* at Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library

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**A TRAVELING EXHIBITION,**

*NATIVE VOICES: NATIVE PEOPLES’ CONCEPTS OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS*

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**EVENTS:**

**Health Career Opportunity Program Students:**

*Our Educational Journey and Perspective on Indigenous Health and Wellbeing*
Skaggs Room 169, University of Montana, Tuesday, February 11, 2020
12:00pm – 1:00pm
*Hosted by Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)*

**Films for the Future Reclaiming Ownership of Native Health**

UC Theatre, University of Montana, Friday, March 6, 2020
5:30pm hors d’oeuvres, 6:30pm films, 8:00pm Q&A
*Hosted by Missoula Indian Urban Indian Health Center*

**Films:**

“Gifts from the Elders: Honoring the Past for a Healthier Tomorrow”
“Return: Native American Women Reclaim Foodways for Health and Spirit”

The traveling exhibition, produced by the National Library of Medicine, explores the connection between wellness, illness, and cultural life through a combination of interviews with Native people, artwork, objects, and interactive media. **The exhibition will be open to the public in the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library from January 13 to March 13, 2020. Library hours: Monday – Thursday 7:00am – 2:00am, Friday 7:00am – 7:00pm, Saturday 10:00am – 7:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00am – 2:00am. To request disability related modifications or to ask questions about the exhibit, events, or locations, please contact Ben Chiewphasa at ben.chiewphasa@umontana.edu.**
The National Library of Medicine has a history of working with Native communities as part of the Library’s commitment to make health information resources accessible to people no matter where they live or work. The Native Voices exhibition concept grew out of meetings with Native leaders in Alaska, Hawai‘i and the Lower 48.

“We hope that visitors in communities across the country will learn from the ideas, practices, and traditions shared here,” says Betsy L. Humphreys, acting director of the National Library of Medicine. “We hope, too, that those who host the exhibition will enrich it by including additional content and programs that reflect their local Native culture and history.”

“This exhibition honors the Native tradition of oral history and establishes a unique collection of information,” says Donald A.B. Lindberg, MD, director emeritus of the National Library of Medicine. “We hope visitors will find Native Voices both educational and inspirational, and we hope Native people will view it with pride.”

“The Mansfield Library, situated on the traditional lands of the Salish and Kalispel people, is honored to partner with the Missoula Urban Indian Health Center and UM’s Health Careers Opportunity Program to make this fascinating exhibition available for the Missoula community,” says Ben Chiewphasa, Government Information Librarian. “We invite everyone to come enjoy our exciting schedule of partner-led events that explore Native health in the 21st century.”

About the traveling exhibition
Native Voices: Native Peoples’ Concepts of Health and Illness examines concepts of health and medicine among contemporary American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. The traveling exhibition features interviews and works from Native people living on reservations, in tribal villages, and in cities. Topics include: Native views of land, food, community, earth/nature, and spirituality as they relate to Native health; the relationship between traditional healing and Western medicine in Native communities; economic and cultural issues that affect the health of Native communities; efforts by Native communities to improve health conditions; and the role of Native Americans in military service and healing support for returning Native veterans.

To make the Native Voices information accessible to people even if they can’t come to the Mansfield Library, Missoula, Montana, there is an online version of the exhibition at www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices.

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The National Library of Medicine (NLM) is the world’s largest library of the health sciences and collections, organizes and makes available biomedical science information to scientists, health professionals and the public. It celebrated its 175th anniversary in 2011. For more information, visit the website at www.nlm.nih.gov.

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