Therapeutic Librarianship and Technology

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Presentation Outline

• Learn about an existing therapeutic library located in Tampa, FL
• Situate the library within the Books on Prescription and Read Yourself Well programs in the UK
• Outline the four components of a responsive library scheme
• Describe the collection development methods used in the library
  – Affective (fiction),
  – Cognitive-based treatment,
  – Visual-based,
  – NeuroApp.
• Introduce the technology element to the project and describe the challenges we’ve encountered
Morton Plant Behavioral Health Facility
Context

• Population
  – 5-17-year olds
  – Family problems (often)
  – In-crisis
  – Lack of access to books
  – Potential for self-harm or harm of others
Prior Work: DACCO
Framework

- Books on Prescription and Read Yourself Well
Responsive Librarianship

• Definition – *the delivery of personalized library services in response to a rhetorical exigence that produces a modification of the reader's situation* (Cannon)
• Personalization similar to reference librarianship and traditional readers’ advisory
• Modeled on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs library system
• Similar to UK responsive librarianship schemes
• Data-driven
Establishment of the Library

• Timeline
  – March: Secured permissions and grant applications
  – May: Initial collection and cataloging
  – June: Library opened
  – September: Technology received with funding from National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) grant
Establishment of the Library

• Collection Development (Text tracks)
  – Affective
  – CBT
  – Visual
  – Neuro
All the Right Stuff

Walter Dean Myers

2012  224 Pages  (Amistad)
LCC: PZ7.M992 AI

A provocative new novel from the national ambassador for young people's literature and the New York Times bestselling author of Monster Who's on top of the social food chain? How do you get ahead? Who makes the rules? Who needs to follow them? Paul DuPree is working at a soup kitchen in Harlem the summer his father dies, just trying to get by. But Elijah, the soup man, won't stop talking about the social contract and asking Paul questions about heavy-duty things. Paul has never [...] 

affective  gr 9-12  loss of loved one  reviewed  substance use  violence

kirkus: a novel that provides a relevant tool for introducing and discussing a complex subject. Age:14 & up
Express Yourself
Technology

• NLM Resources
  (group sessions)
• Kindles
• Challenges
  – Staff Awareness
  – Safety
  – Time

Please let us know about any concerns we should consider when developing library procedures.

Patients who are self-injurious shouldn't have Kindles. We need to figure out a way to relay who is and isn't appropriate for Kindles.

We need to watch what patients get the Kindles. Make sure they can handle them and not destroy them.
Evaluation of the Library

• Data Collection
  – Circulation Data
  – Observation Notes
  – Surveys (Patient and Provider)
  – Reader book reviews
Future Work

• Data analysis
• Introduction of group programs
• Partnerships with public libraries
• Expansion to other facilities
• Expansion of tagging system to other catalogs
Questions?

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