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Library now central point in information on cancer

The Howard County Library has announced the opening of its new Cancer Information Collection.

Housed at the central library in Columbia's Town Center, the collection offers access to understandable, accurate current information about cancer and cancer care for patients and their families.

The collection includes books, periodicals, pamphlets, data-bases and directories. Topics include prevention and wellness, cancer treatment, site-specific cancer, diet and nutrition, children and cancer and the issues facing survivors.

Three computers near the print material on the library's second floor have easy-to-follow menus to guide customers to online information about cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment options.

The library's catalog feature a new tab in the menu bar, "Special Topics," with searches set for topics such as living and coping with cancer, alternative medicine, clinical trials and resources about cancer for children. Searches are also available for specific cancers.

Information: 410-313-7850, or www.helibrary.org/about and click on "Collection" and "Special Collections."

The collection is a community project created in cooperation with the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, Howard County General Hospital, Horizon Foundation, American Cancer Society, Howard County Health Department, Howard county Office on Aging and Claudia Mayer Cancer Resource and Image Center.