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County library launches cancer care collection

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The Howard County library system recently unveiled its new Cancer Information Collection, a catalog of resources aimed at providing information about cancer care and prevention.

The collection—available at the Howard County central library in downtown Columbia—is a joint effort between several organizations, including the library, the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, the American Cancer Society, Howard County General Hospital, the Horizon Foundation and the Howard County Health Department.

The organizations worked for six months to build the collection, said Brian Auger, associate director of the library.

Customers can access three computers on the central library's second floor to research information about cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment options and use pre-set searches for topics including living with cancer, coping with cancer, alternative medicine, clinical trials and resources for children with cancer.

Customers may borrow materials from the collection, print information from online resources and reserve materials, which can be sent to other libraries.

For more information, call the central library reference desk at 410-313-7850 or visit the Web site www.helibrary.org/about and click on "Collection."