Using the Health Literacy Website

Through two grants, the Library Services & Technology Act and the Waukesha County Community Foundation, LCGW and the Waukesha County Federated Library System (WCFLS), launched the Waukesha County Health Literacy project to provide easy-to-use answers to health-related questions. This includes a multi-media website to make health-related information more accessible to our students. Please introduce the website (www.wcfls.org/health-literacy) to your students by doing the following:

1. Ask students what kind of technology they use (smartphone, tablet, laptop or library computer) to access health-related information.

2. Ask how they get answers to questions regarding their health. Do they use websites? How do they know they are getting credible information?

3. Ask if it is hard for them to understand medical related questions? How do they tell a doctor they don't understand what the doctor is saying? How do they advocate for themselves?

4. Ask if they are comfortable sharing any health-related situations where they struggled asking a doctor for information.

5. Introduce them to the website www.wcfls.org/health-literacy. Bring a laptop, smart phone or ask them to look at the website during the week.

6. Ask what they are interested in learning. If a student has a child, for instance, ask them to go to the Family and Children link under the For Consumer section of the website.

7. Discuss what they discovered at your next session, and ask how they will use that to make better health-related decisions.