



## Call for Book Proposals: Building Health Sciences Collections: A Handbook

The Medical Library Association Books Panel is seeking author(s) or editor(s) for a book entitled “Building Health Sciences Collections: A Handbook” or something similar. This book will serve as an in-depth reference guide for those building and maintaining library health sciences collections. It will feature specific bibliographic information for top resources that will include a variety of formats, voices, and topics.

Possible chapter topics include:

- Introducing collection development for health science topics
- Building diverse and inclusive collections
- Identifying a wide array of formats
- Maintaining up-to-date collections
- Collecting in emerging topics (graphic medicine, cookbooks and other public health areas, etc.)
- Collecting for health sciences specialties (medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, etc.)
- Meeting just-in-time clinical and educational information needs
- Selecting drug information resources
- Open educational resources and other open access material
- Deselecting materials
- And more!

Please consider the list above as a jumping-off point rather than a prescriptive list.

You may write the book by yourself or edit the book and seek contributions from other librarians or information professionals. We describe the submission process at [Publish a Book with MLA](#). To begin the process, submit your completed step 1 form to [Jamie Hart Birkner](#) at MLA by November 23. If you have questions about serving as the editor or the author of the entire volume, please contact [Jamie Conklin](#). We cannot consider contributions of individual chapters at this time.

*Do you have an idea for a book on a topic other than information resources and collection development? The Books Panel welcomes proposals on any topic likely to be of interest to health sciences librarians; simply fill in the [step 1 form](#) and submit it to [Jamie Hart Birkner](#). More information on the publication process is available at [Publish a Book with MLA](#).*