

A review on the role of digital libraries in promoting health literacy

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Abstract

Background and objectives: Considering the importance of public health and its key role in reducing treatment costs, new ways can be established to promote the public health knowledge.

The aim of this study is identifying the capabilities of digital libraries to promote health literacy in the community.

Material and Methods: This is a non-systematic review. Related articles in English and Persian databases were reviewed according to the purpose of the study. The results were presented in a categorized report.

Discussion: Digital Library has several benefits listed in this article. A considerable attention to this information carrier as a perfect opportunity for the development of health literacy in the community by policy makers and public is suggested.

Key Words: Health literacy, Digital libraries, Training, E-learning

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