

CCML Medical Paralibrarian SIG, April Meeting,  
4/25/08.

The Medical Paralibrarians SIG met on Friday, April 25, 2008 and five people attended the meeting, including our guest speaker, Deb Weaver. Deb is the Manager of the Clinical and Research Librarian at The Children's Hospital on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. Deb's presentation "Children are not just Small Adults" focused on the benefits of using The Children's Hospital vs. "Adult" hospitals where she pointed out that The Children's Hospital has special people you may only see in a children's hospital. She also explained how the various displays of colorful animal zones are used to help children orient to their location in the hospital. Another terrific feature is the Boettcher Atrium where many children programs are held, such as on the day of the meeting there were young people in colorful costumes displaying their dancing skills. Deb pointed out that the environment is all about fun and distraction. In addition, the Therapeutic Recreation Department offers:

Support During Procedures

Medical Preparation and Pre-Surgery Teaching

Therapeutic Play Activities

Support for Brothers and Sisters

Parent Education and Support

Medical Play

Medical Considerations

Overall, the meeting was informative and entertaining with a mini-tour of the facility. Many thanks for Deb and her enthusiasm of the NEW Children's Hospital!

At our next meeting in July we will be at Ft. Logan, hosted by Kate Elder, a Librarian at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan. More details will be coming.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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