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Library Provides Information about Long-Term Care for Older Adults

Proprietary reports on nursing homes, assisted living, and other eldercare services are free to library users.

Chestertown, MD (February 8, 2008) —According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, by 2030, there will be about 71.5 million older persons in the United States, more than twice their number in 2000. By 2030, people aged 65 and up will represent 20% of the population¹, and over half of those people will require long-term care services at some point in their lives.²

More and more people are beginning to seek information about long-term care options, either for themselves or their loved ones. It can be difficult to locate that kind of information, however, and much of the information available on the internet is unreliable.

Fortunately, Kent County Public Library has made a new resource available to the public. EBSCO Eldercare is an exclusive online resource that provides a reliable source of eldercare-related information, databases, and local/state/national resources that can be used to empower Americans to make intelligent, informed eldercare decisions. This resource is free to library card holders, who can access it from the library or right from their home computers.

Consumers are able to use a sophisticated search environment to gain access to proprietary, comprehensive reports on over 90,000 eldercare facilities and services throughout the United States, including: 17,000 reports on nursing homes, 45,000 assisted living facilities, and 23,000 home health care programs. The reports are between 3-15 pages in length, many include ratings and rankings, as well as demographic information about the facilities.

To learn more about EBSCO Eldercare, please contact the library, or visit them online at <http://www.kentcountylibrary.org/search/info.php>.

About Kent County Public Library

The Kent County Public Library serves the 19,500 citizens of rural Kent County, on Maryland's scenic Eastern Shore. The library has its main branch in historic Chestertown, the capitol of Kent County, and two smaller branches in the towns of Rock Hall and Galena. Its focus is on providing information, materials, and services to support the

¹ "Statistics on the Aging Population." Administration on Aging. 2008. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 8 Feb., 2008 <<http://www.aoa.gov/prof/Statistics/statistics.asp>>

² "Why should you plan?" National Clearing House for Long-Term Care Information. 2008. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 8 Feb., 2008. <http://www.longtermcare.gov/LTC/Main_Site/index.aspx>

community's interests in popular cultural social trends, and self-directed learning; offering community members the opportunity to meet and interact with others in the community; and supporting the development of skills in finding, evaluating and using information effectively. Kent County Public library was recently nominated for *Library Journal's* Best Small Library in America Award for its ongoing improvements in services to patrons.

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