MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In December, The WLA Leadership team reviews applications and pairs mentors and mentees based on needs, strengths, and goals listed in the applications.

A committee liaison works with you throughout the year to ensure a positive and enriching experience.

Questions?

Please reach out to The WLA Leadership Committee Chair(s) listed on the WLA Mentorship website.



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This program, free for WLA members, is designed to provide encouragement, support, and guidance to library staff seeking professional growth through connections with experienced colleagues within a structured mentoring program.

Participants should plan for a one year (January–December) commitment. Mentors and mentees typically work together 2–3 hours each month.

There is an orientation session for all participants in January. After that session, you and your partner will set up monthly meetings (in-person or virtual, its, up to you!), set goals, and work toward them together.

APPLICATION PROCESS



New cohorts launch in January. Applications are open now and close on November 15. Dates and application materials are available online at:

https://www.wisconsinlibraries.org/ mentorship-program

BENEFITS OF HAVING A MENTOR

Mentees gain experience from knowledgeable library colleagues while becoming further involved in the statewide professional association.

Whether you are new to the field or new to your position, if you feel like you could use a mentor, this program is for you!

BECOMING A MENTOR

Mentors gain opportunities to give back to the profession, model volunteerism, and help influence the future of librarianship.

Mentors should have 2–3 years of experience in libraries of any type. If you feel like you have knowledge or experience to share, apply to be a mentor!