About the RILA Mentorship Program

The goal of the RILA Career Mentorship Program is to provide encouragement, support and guidance to early and mid-career library staff to promote their professional development and growth.

A mentor is a mid-to-late career (with five or more years of professional experience) library staff-person who listens and provides guidance to library staff at the start of their careers.

Both early-career and experienced library staff can learn from each other’s perspectives and experiences.

Please consider joining the RILA Mentorship Program and make a difference in a colleague's professional life!

To apply to be a Mentor or Mentee, visit www.rilibraries.org/mentorship today!

For questions, contact mentor@rilibraries.org.

What Are the Benefits?

- Make a difference in the career of another person.
- Learn how to be a leader in your organization.
- Give and receive guidance and advice on professional topics.
- Take your career to the next level.
- Discuss current trends in librarianship.
- Network and develop lasting professional relationships with others in the field.
- Gain new perspectives on the profession.

What Are the Requirements?

- You must be a current RILA member.
- You may be a library employee, retired librarian or current library school student.
- You must make a one-year commitment that includes meeting with your mentor/mentee at least 4-6 times per year by phone, email, web conferencing, or in-person meetings.
RILA Mission

The Rhode Island Library Association is a professional organization that serves its members through career development, education, advocacy, networking partnerships and legislative action.

RILA Vision

The core vision of RILA is to inspire and promote excellence in library services, through training, innovation, and advocacy. We champion and support libraries to meet the diverse needs of the populations they serve. Through collaboration and community partnerships, RILA will sustain and advance a legacy of robust library services in Rhode Island.

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