

## **Mentors sought for the 2018 Institute!**

### **Applications open June 1, 2017**

Are you interested in helping to shape and guide future library leaders across MPLA's 12-state region? Do you have a natural tendency to listen, offer guidance, share expertise, and resolve problems? If so, we invite you to apply to be a mentor for the [2018 MPLA Leadership Institute](#), which will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado, April 29 – May 4, 2018.

Leadership Institute mentors develop collegial relationships with fellows as trusted advisors and confidants while helping to solve problems, offering guidance, serving as sounding boards, and otherwise sharing their expertise to Institute fellows. Mentors are also willing to be contacted by fellows after the official closing of the Institute for follow up questions and advice.

Application review will begin September 30, 2017 and notifications will be sent out shortly thereafter. 3 mentors will be selected. Registration and travel costs are covered and reimbursable (respectively) by MPLA.

Thank you for your willingness to support the 2018 Leadership Institute!

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- Current MPLA member AND member of their respective state's library association
- Alum of the MPLA Leadership Institute or similar event
- Currently employed in the 12-state MPLA region or recently (within 2 years) retired from a library in the 12-state MPLA region
- 10 years minimum experience working in libraries
- Experience in leadership roles
- Ability to participate in web-based training and meetings to prepare for the Institute. These will be approximately 1 hour long and take place in October/November and February/March or as needed
- Willingness to deliver a presentation or otherwise lead a short session at the Institute on an appropriate leadership topic – approximately 1 hour
- Commitment to arrive at the Institute site on time for a 5:00 PM mentor meeting Sunday, April 29, 2018 and remain on site supporting LI Fellows until adjournment Friday morning, May 4, 2018
- Thoughtfully completed application
- Two letters of recommendation

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