

# Membership Form

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title or  
Other Status: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Library or Personal  
Website/Blog: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Preferred Mailing Address**     Work     Home
- Position Type**     Full Time     Part Time
- School Type**     Public     Independent (Private, Parochial)
- Grade Level**     Elementary     High School     College  
                           Middle     District Level
- Library Region**     Boston     Metrowest     Southeast  
                           Central     Northeast     West

MSLA will continue to align its membership with the former Massachusetts Library Regions. Please select the region in which your school (college, home or organization if you do not work in a school) is located.

I also belong to the following professional organizations:

- ALA     YALSA     GBCLA     MLS     MassCUE     MTA  
 AASL     AISL     NESLA     MRA     AFT Massachusetts

MSLA Membership Types & Fees (included in conference registration)

- Professional - \$40.00     Vendor - \$40.00

- Other (such as library support staff, student\*, retired, unemployed) - \$20.00

\*If you are a student in a graduate degree program while working full-time as a professional in a school library, please register as a Professional.

Do you want to be listed by MSLA as a Resource Person willing to share your expertise?     Yes

List area of expertise \_\_\_\_\_

First time member referred by \_\_\_\_\_

# Resources

## MSLA Website <http://www.maschoollibraries.org>

The MSLA website provides information about the organization, meetings and events across the state, job postings, legislative updates, advocacy tools, curriculum support materials, and links to the following resources:

## Newsletter

MSLA Forum published online and in an annual print edition keeps members informed about professional issues and events. Members who submit articles for publication earn Professional Development Points (PDPs).

## MSLA Recommended Standards for PreK-12 Information Literacy Skills

Developed by MSLA members and aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and AASL's Standards for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner, these Standards outline what information literate students should be able to do in order to use information efficiently, effectively, and ethically to guide learning.

## Author/Illustrator Database

This online list of local authors and illustrators who visit schools includes a calendar of author events and links to help locate and contact regional authors and illustrators.

## Bullying Prevention Resources Wiki

Members of MSLA, the Massachusetts Reading Association (MRA), the Massachusetts School Counselors Association (MSCA), Massachusetts Computer Using Educators (MassCUE), and representatives of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General collaborated on this collection of resources.



# Professional Development

## Annual Conference:

A two-day MSLA conference is held each year, featuring nationally known speakers, authors, workshops and exhibitors.

## Workshops

One-day events offered by MSLA provide in-service opportunities conveniently located in your area that keep members informed about new technologies, state and national initiatives, and new tools for teaching and learning.

## Area Meetings

MSLA Area Directors host meetings for members in their region to get to know each other, share best practices and offer collegial support.



*"As a retiree living out of state, I find MSLA and the listserv a wonderful way to keep up with the "goings on" of school libraries in Massachusetts. It also helps me to keep up with the profession in general, and stay connected with old friends and colleagues."*

**Shelley Glantz, Reviews Editor  
Library Media Connection**



**Massachusetts School Library Association**  
<http://www.maschoollibraries.org>

# What is MSLA?

The Massachusetts School Library Association is dedicated to the improvement of teaching and learning through the integration of school library programs, resources and technologies into the total educational process. With its diverse membership, MSLA advocates for, promotes and strengthens school library services to students and teachers across Massachusetts. Over 700 members from public, independent and parochial schools belong to this professional organization, comprised of practicing school librarians, retirees, library support staff, and graduate students preparing to enter the profession.

*"Being a member of the Massachusetts School Library Association has been one of the best things I could have ever done in my professional life. Membership is a link to common sense and good advice on the issues in our profession. I have found the collective knowledge of this association to be phenomenal. Whenever I have had a question about anything, regardless of how big or small the issue, the membership is right there with their support and advice. I feel privileged to be one of its members. I could not do my job well without this group of dedicated professionals!"*

**Sarah Alexander, Library Teacher  
Somerset Middle School**

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## Vision of MSLA

All Massachusetts schools will have inclusive, accessible and supportive library programs managed by credentialed school librarians who provide equitable opportunities for every student to learn and succeed.

## Mission of MSLA

MSLA promotes school librarian leadership and school library programs that provide resources, instruction, and opportunities for collaboration that maximize student learning. MSLA works to ensure every school has a school library program that is fully integrated at all grade levels across the curriculum and has a significant and measurable impact on student achievement.

## Membership Benefits:

- A wealth of resources on the MSLA website: <http://www.maschoollibraries.org>
- E-mail updates on professional topics
- Job postings and information sharing
- Online access to the MSLA Forum, MSLA's newsletter
- Online membership directory
- Opportunity to serve on an MSLA committee or task force
- Intellectual freedom assistance
- Legislative and advocacy information and support
- Area meetings and peer support
- A variety of professional development opportunities
- Discounted membership in the New England School Library Association
- Area Directors who are your representatives and liaisons to the MSLA Executive Board

*"MSLA has provided me with incredible professional development opportunities from top educational leaders from around the world. Membership has broadened my professional world, and made me a better teacher-librarian."*

**Robin Cicchetti, Library Media Specialist**  
Concord - Carlisle Regional High School Learning Commons

# Programs and Other Opportunities

### Awards

MSLA recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of school libraries through many awards for library students, practicing librarians, legislators, school library advocates, and administrators. Check <http://www.maschoollibraries.org> for more information and application forms.

### Bookmark Contest

MSLA sponsors an annual bookmark contest for students who create designs that portray a theme highlighting the value of school libraries. Bookmark designs are judged by local authors and illustrators. Winners are recognized at a ceremony at the Massachusetts State House on Library Legislative Day.

*"I became a member of MSLA as a graduate student at Bridgewater State College. I graduated in 2002 and especially love reconnecting with fellow classmates at the conference. Every year I bring back new ideas to share with my faculty. The MSLA conference recharges my batteries and makes me a more informed library media specialist. Although my position is in nearby Rhode Island, I am a Massachusetts resident and will continue to maintain my membership in MSLA."*

**Robin Panchuk, Library Media Specialist**  
Charles E. Shea Senior High School, Pawtucket, RI



### Library Legislative Day

Librarians from across the state meet with legislators at the State House in Boston to advocate for equitable access for all students in the Commonwealth to school library programs that maximize student learning.

### Working Smarter Tips

Members share best practices in the MSLA Trading Post at the annual conference and in a regular column in the MSLA Forum.



To join MSLA, register online at:

[www.regonline.com/join\\_msla](http://www.regonline.com/join_msla)

or mail the enclosed membership form with your check or purchase order to:

MSLA Director  
PO Box 658  
Lunenburg, MA 01462

For more information, contact

Kathy Lowe,  
Executive Director:  
[klowe@maschoollibraries.org](mailto:klowe@maschoollibraries.org)  
Phone/Fax (978)582-6967

Membership expires one year from the date it is received.

### Special NESLA Membership Rate for MSLA Members

Join the New England School Library Association (NESLA) for \$20 (a savings of \$10).

Please send your check, made out to NESLA to:

Merlyn Miller  
NESLA Membership Chair  
Burr and Burton Academy  
57 Seminary Avenue  
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For additional information, visit the NESLA website:  
<http://neschoollibraries.org>