



# MEDIA SMART LIBRARIES

Media Smart Libraries is an IMLS grant-funded project designed to advance the digital and media literacy competencies of children, teens, families, and librarians in Rhode Island communities.

**2** MSL is a year project funded in part by an IMLS grant

**24** MSL Cohort has school & public librarians from RI

**21** MSL will host public workshops and events



**5** MSL badges to earn



**20** Micro-badges to earn

**Based on a 2013 Needs Assessment in which 139 people participated, MSL found the following continuing education topics to be of value to RI librarians:**

## I would like to learn:



digital photography



animation



social media



filmmaking



website creation



blogging



YouTube videos creation



podcast creation



school



public

74%

86%

80%

79%

69%

80%

78%

75%

73%

79%

71%

75%

64%

72%

60%

75%

**75%** of school librarians  
**79%** of public librarians

Agreed or strongly agreed that they would value stronger partnerships with LIS graduate programs

**58%** of school librarians  
**73%** of public librarians

Agreed or strongly agreed that they would benefit from having an LIS graduate student onsite

## IMPACT OF OUR WORKSHOPS SO FAR:

### MSL Workshops have reached:

**24** school & public librarians inside of our cohort

**50+** school & public librarians outside of our cohort



### MSL Workshop Feedback:

**100%** found that workshops focused on important content

**94%** believe workshops will help with new approaches to their library practice

**90%** responded that workshops will make a difference in their work with students/families/the community

# University-to-Community Partnership IMLS Grant-Funded Program

## Goals are to increase:

- ▲ Digital & media literacy awareness & competencies
- ▲ The role librarians play

## PARTNERS

URI GSLIS  
Harrington School  
University of RI

OLIS RI Office of Library &  
Information Services  
PCFF Providence Children's  
Film Festival

National & Local  
Advisory Boards

Cohort of 24  
School & Public  
Librarian Leaders

Informal  
Collaborators:  
RILINK, SLRI, RIMOSA,  
RILA, NAMLE, GiveMe5

## ACTIONS

LIS Curriculum  
Revision

Public Events

Digital Badge  
Program

Cont. Education  
Workshops

## IMPACT

Experiential LIS  
learning for  
graduate students

Value of libraries  
& library  
programming

Increased  
awareness of the  
role libraries play for  
parents, children, &  
educators

Advanced digital &  
media literacy  
competencies of  
practicing librarians



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