

MEDIA SMART LIBRARIES

ARE YOU

A DYNAMIC LIBRARIAN WHO IS LOOKING TO BECOME A LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEADER IN THE FIELD OF DIGITAL AND MEDIA LITERACY IN LIBRARIES?

WOULD YOU

LIKE TO JOIN A COHORT OF PROFESSIONAL, LIKE-MINDED LIBRARIANS LOOKING TO IMPLEMENT MORE DIGITAL AND MEDIA LITERACY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, AND FAMILIES IN THE LIBRARY?

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU

CONSIDER BECOMING A “**MEDIA SMART LIBRARIES FELLOW!**”

This 15-month professional development program was made possible in part by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and through a collaboration between the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies (GSLIS), the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS), the Providence Children’s Film Festival (PCFF), and the Harrington School of Communication and Media.

You will be part of a dynamic team of 20 professional school and public librarians who will connect locally and nationally with leaders in the field regarding digital and media literacy services for youths in libraries.

The fellowship is a 15-month commitment, with most of the meetings taking place online. As part of the requirements of this program, you would acquire digital badges in areas such as “Access and Use,” “Analyze and Evaluate,” “Create and Share,” and “Collaborate and Take Action” in various areas of digital and media literacy.

As a fellow, you would learn and develop best practices in digital and media literacy during the first 12 months of the program and then would serve as an expert in these areas for the last 5 months, sharing and implementing what you learned within the library community and with GSLIS students.

Apply by
**April
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WHAT’S IN IT FOR YOU?

- A \$750 mini-grant for technology in your library;
- A Media Smart Libraries Certificate from GSLIS upon completion;
- The opportunity to present your work at local, regional and national conferences (expenses paid by the fellowship);
- Free attendance at the Media Literacy Institute valued at \$900 per year;
- The opportunity to teach continuing education workshops from Jan-June 2016 for a paid stipend;
- The opportunity to engage in and be part of a conversation surrounding digital and media literacy education among the nation’s leaders in the field;
- Participation in a cohort model that will connect you with other like-minded library leaders and help you to improve your own practice

HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU HAVE TO COMMIT?

- At least 5-6 hours per month during the 15-month period, with flexible scheduling options during the year to accommodate your professional schedule
- Attendance at a minimum of 5 Media Smart workshops to extend your professional skills and experience
- Lead at least five library programs (over the 15-month period) at your library geared towards children or teens and their families (in an area of interest that relates to digital and media literacy) AND possibly lead one professional development workshop geared towards fellow practitioners (you would receive paid compensation if chosen)

For more information about this fellowship, please contact Stefanie Metko at stefaniemetko@uri.edu.



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