



# Attention!

MLS Candidates and First Time Attendees,  
apply for the Kay Bader Memorial Scholarship to attend

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacies

a conference sponsored by the Massachusetts Library Association, The Massachusetts Center for the Book, and the Association of College and Research Libraries, New England.

The MLA is offering 4 scholarships to help defray the costs of attending 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacies. The scholarships are available to current and future library staff who wish to attend the conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Lowell, MA, November 17 & 18, 2005.

### Who is eligible?

Applicants must be first time MLA Annual Conference attendees.

Applicants must be able to attend at least one day of the conference.

Applicants must be students in a M.L.S. program **OR** currently employed in a Massachusetts library.

Applicants whose supervisor is a current member of the MLA Executive Board are not eligible.

### How do I apply?

Applicants must fill out the application form and write a short statement on one of two topics:

- 1.) How are libraries adapting to life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
- 2.) What is the library's role in promoting literacies?

Application forms are available online at <http://www.masslib.org/> or available in hard copy at your library. If you need a form and are unable to access one electronically, please call Ellen MJ Keane at 978-934-4594 to have one mailed to you.

Completed applications may be mailed to:

Reading Public Library  
Attention: Elizabeth Dickinson  
64 Middlesex Ave  
Reading, MA 01867  
Faxed to: 781-942-9113  
Emailed to: [dickinso@noblenet.org](mailto:dickinso@noblenet.org)

### When is the deadline and when are winners announced?

Completed applications must be received by October 26, 2005. Winners will be notified by telephone on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### What does the scholarship cover?

The scholarships cover the cost of registration, lunches and dinners on the days of attendance. MLA will also cover half the cost of accommodations (single or double room) for scholarship winners. The scholarship does not cover transportation. Scholarship winners will also receive a one- year membership to the Massachusetts Library Association.

### If I win a scholarship, what are my obligations?

Scholarship winners are free to choose whatever sessions most interest them. Scholarship winners may be asked to write a brief account of their MLA conference experience for the MLA newsletter, *Bay State Libraries*.

If you have questions about the scholarships please contact:

Elizabeth Dickinson at 781-942-6711; email: [dickinso@noblenet.org](mailto:dickinso@noblenet.org) or

Ellen MJ Keane at 978-934-4594; email: [Ellen\\_Keane@uml.edu](mailto:Ellen_Keane@uml.edu).

If you have questions about the annual conference please contact:

Gianna Gifford at 617-521-2777 or [gianna.gifford@simmons.edu](mailto:gianna.gifford@simmons.edu); Michael Colford at 617-859-2389 or [mcolford@bpl.org](mailto:mcolford@bpl.org); or Nanci Milone Hill at (781) 862-6288, ext. 314 or [Nhill@minlib.net](mailto:Nhill@minlib.net).

# Massachusetts Library Association Conference Scholarship Application

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

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

(Home) Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Work or Cell) Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Library School student? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Where?\_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of graduation?\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently work in a library? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ How long have you been in your current position?\_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Library name and location: \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a short statement, no longer than 300 words, on either of the following topics:

- 1.) How are libraries adapting to life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
- 2.) What is the role of the library in promoting literacies?"

Please do not include your name on your statement. Please put your home telephone number as an identifier at the bottom of the page. This will help ensure blind judging of the application essays.

If you are currently working in a library and will need to secure release time, please have your supervisor sign below indicating that you will be given time off to attend the 21st Century Literacies Conference, if you are selected as a scholarship winner.

I certify that, \_\_\_\_\_, if the recipient of an MLA Kay Bader Memorial Scholarship, will be granted appropriate release time to attend the 21 Century Literacies Conference

Signed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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