

Mentorship Pilot Program
ALA Student Chapter at Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Objective:

Provide MSLS students with a Mentor Librarian in their interested field of librarianship to accomplish two main goals: 1. For the student to achieve insight into the duties and responsibilities of their field of interest, and 2. To assist the student in networking within the library community.

Student Requirements:

1. Must be a member of the ALA Student Chapter at Clarion University.
2. Provide one paragraph explaining why they would like to participate in the Pilot Program and which field of librarianship interests them, i.e. public librarianship, health sciences, archives, etc.
3. Take a feedback survey about their session with the Mentor Librarian.
4. Agree to give a short presentation at an ALA Student Chapter meeting during the spring semester about the experience.

Mentor Requirements:

1. Must possess a Masters in Library Science.
2. Must be currently employed in a public, academic, special, or health sciences library.
3. Must be briefly interviewed and informed of their responsibilities in this program by the ALA Chapter President.
4. Must be willing to commit to at least one ½ hour session with the student via phone, Skype, or other web medium.
5. Must agree to take a feedback survey about their session with the student.

Program Details:

1. Ten students will be chosen from the applicants to participate in the Pilot Program. The students will be paired with a Mentor Librarian.
2. The student will provide the Mentor with a list of at least five questions before the session, so the Mentor will be able to properly address the students' interests during the conversation.
3. It will be up to the Mentor and the student whether they want to continue the connection after the initial session.