

Library Leaders: Building a Strong Foundation



2025 MSL Fall Workshop

September 15-16, 2025

Location: Heritage Inn - Great Falls

Trainer: Mazi Robinson and MSL Staff Members

Why Attend?

Workshop attendees will

- Learn leadership and communication skills
- Learn about services, strategies, and resources to help your library lead and serve!
- Connect with directors, trustees, and MSL staff from across Montana.

Who Should Attend?

Directors and Trustees

Outcomes

Workshop attendees will

1. Build leadership, planning, and communication skills
2. Receive training that assists libraries in meeting the current public library standards.
3. Gain knowledge of the defined roles of directors, trustees, and local government officials and how those roles support the functions of a public library.
4. Learn about MSL's public library development services and resources.

REGISTER by September 7, 2025

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Questions?

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Monday September 15

Session Details

Presenters

Opening Plenary 9:00-10:30	<i>Welcome and Opening</i> Being Brave in the Everyday	Mazi Robinson
Morning Connections 10:30-10:45	Break Time to Connect with Colleagues	
Morning Breakout Sessions 11:00-12:00	Directors – Library Laws, Rules, and Standards	MSL Consultants
	Trustees – Being an Effective Board: Role of Chair, Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures	MSL Consultants
Plenary/Lunch 12:00-1:30	Can't We All Just Get Along?: Integrating Boundaries and Kindness in Our Relationships	Mazi Robinson
Afternoon Breakout 1:45- 2:45	Directors – Working with the Board and Personnel	MSL Consultants
	Trustees – Open Meetings and Public Engagement	MSL Consultants
Afternoon Connections 2:45 – 3:00	Break Time to Connect with Colleagues	
3:00-4:30 Afternoon Breakout	The Power of Narrative – Storytelling for Library Leaders	Marc Moss
End of Day Plenary 4:30 - 5:00	<i>Reflection and Sharing Activity</i>	MSL Consultants

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Tuesday September 16	Session Details	Presenters
Opening Plenary 9:00 – 10:30	Releasing Control and Reclaiming Your Agency	Mazi Robinson
Morning Connections 10:30-10:45	Break Time to Connect with Colleagues	
Morning Breakout Sessions 10:45-12:00	Director – Planning, Reporting, and Communicating Results	MSL Consultants
	Trustee - Connecting with Local Government	MSL Consultants
Plenary/Lunch 12:00-1:30	It's About Time! Effective Strategies to Manage Your Life and Your Time	Mazi Robinson
MSL Programs and Services 1:30 – 2:30	MSL Wagon Wheel	MSL Program Staff
Closing Session 2:30 – 3:00	<i>Reflections, Planning, Evaluation</i>	