

Library Leaders: Building a Strong Foundation

2025 MSL Fall Workshop

September 15-16, 2025

Heritage Inn - Great Falls, Montana



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

Registration Cost: Free

Contact the Heritage Inn to make reservations.

- 1700 Fox Farm Rd, Great Falls, MT 59404
- (406) 761-1900

MSL will not reimburse hotel or travel expenses. Lunch will be provided each day.

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Questions?

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Agenda

Monday September 15	Session Details	Presenters
9:00-10:30 – Opening Plenary Session	Welcome and Opening Being Brave in the Everyday	Mazi Robinson
10:30-10:45 – Morning Connections	Break Time to Connect with Colleagues	
11:00-12:00 – Morning Breakout Sessions	Braving the Pathway to Excellence	Cara Orban
	Being an Effective Board	Corey Sloan
12:00-1:30 – Plenary/Lunch	Can't We All Just Get Along?: Integrating Boundaries and Kindness in Our Relationships	Mazi Robinson
1:45-2:45 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions	Navigating Performance Conversations with Grace	Tracy Cook
	Open Meetings and Public Engagement	Cara Orban and Corey Sloan
2:45–3:00 – Afternoon Connections	Break Time to Connect with Colleagues	
3:00-4:30 – Afternoon Plenary Session	The Power of Narrative – Storytelling for Library Leaders	Marc Moss
4:30-5:00 – End of Day Plenary Session	Reflection and Sharing Activity	MSL Consultants

*Schedule and Speakers Subject to Change

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Tuesday September 16	Session Details	Presenters
9:00 – 10:30 Opening Plenary Session	Releasing Control and Reclaiming Your Agency	Mazi Robinson
10:30–10:45 Morning Connections	Break Time to Connect with Colleagues	
10:45–12:00 - Morning Breakout Sessions	Planning, Reporting, and Communicating Results	Rebekah Kamp
	From Learning to Action: Connecting with Local Government Officials	Tracy Cook
12:00–1:30 Plenary/Lunch	It's About Time! Effective Strategies to Manage Your Life and Your Time	Mazi Robinson
1:30 – 2:30 – Afternoon Plenary Session	MSL Wagon Wheel	MSL Program Staff
2:30 – 3:00 - Closing Plenary Session	Reflections, Planning, Evaluation	

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