

What is NELLS?

NELLS is an intensive 4-day course designed for “up and coming” library leaders. The purpose of this symposium is to foster the mentoring and development of leaders for library associations (state and regional), for the profession, and for our communities. NELLS has been created through a cooperative effort of the New England Library Association and all six New England state library associations.

The Symposium will have 26 participants (4 from each state and 2 from NELA) and 6 mentors (library leaders with 15 or more years of experience). Each NELLS participant will be expected to serve on his / her state or regional library association for at least one year following the Symposium.

For additional information on
NELLS, check out:

www.nelib.org

Who can attend?

NELLS participants will be library professionals, paraprofessionals, or volunteers (trustees, friends, etc.) in mid-career (3-5 years minimum experience in or with libraries). The attendees may be recommended by someone or may make their own application for this leadership training. Each applicant must have paid membership dues for a least one of the six state associations or NELA by January 17, 2005 in order to apply. Applications / recommendations are due to NELA by February 4, 2005. Candidates will be notified by April 29, 2005.

What does it cost?

The cost for each participant is \$400 to participate in the Symposium. NELA and all six state associations are financially supporting NELLS to keep the costs low for those attending. There may be some scholarships available from your state association (contact your specific association for more information).

What will be taught?

The curriculum will cover the following areas:

- **Getting to know your leadership style**
- **Communications and negotiation skills**
- **Coaching and mentoring skills**
- **Risk taking**

Attendees will also be responsible for developing their own action plan.

How do I apply?

Applications are available on the NELA website www.nelib.org. Instructions for submission will be available with the application form. All applications are due by February 4, 2005. Once the applications have been reviewed and candidate selection has been completed, we will then notify candidates on or by April 29, 2005.



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Canonicus Camp and
Conference Center,
Exeter, RI



July 25-29, 2005

NELLS
c/o 909 Mapleton Avenue
Suffield, CT 06078

