



# MEDIA SMART LIBRARIES

## Quarterly Newsletter

September. October. November. 2015

Greetings!

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter of the Media Smart Libraries program. The IMLS funded grant program awarded to the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Rhode is off to an auspicious start. Our goal of advancing the digital and media literacy skills of practicing librarians was realized this quarter through a series of continuing education workshops held at libraries throughout the state. In addition, our cohort of school and public library leaders have been busy earning digital badges to become Media Smart Certified Librarians. Partnerships with a range of organizations have enabled us to make a greater impact on increasing the awareness of the importance of digital and media literacy skills for children and families, and the role libraries can play in making this happen.

Below are descriptions of the events held in September, October, and November. Also, please check out our [website](#), which is up and running thanks to the efforts of our web designer, Evan Barta, and talented graduate assistants, Allison Barker and Alyssa Taft.

Special recognition goes to our partners, the [Providence Children's Film Festival](#) and the Rhode Island [Office of Library and Information Services](#), for their support of our program. Moreover, collaborations with like-minded people from the [Rhode Island Library Association](#), [School Librarians of Rhode Island](#), [RILINK](#), [Rhode Island Museum of Science and Art](#), [National Association for Media Literacy Education](#), and [GiveMe5](#) Rhode Island have made this program a true university-to-community partnership.

Along with Dr. Valerie Karno and Dr. Lauren Mandel, Principal Investigators of the grant, I am

pleased to share the progress of this exciting and relevant initiative with you.

Mary Moen  
Program Director

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## Kick Off for Library Leaders Cohort

September 10th, 2015. Kingston, RI. Media Smart Librarian Cohort members met with the Media Smart Libraries team to build relationships, share expertise, and identify learning needs. This open and informal meeting gave the cohort the opportunity to share in the planning experience and contribute to the conversation around media and digital literacy.



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## Twitter 101

October 6th, 2015. East Providence, RI. Media Smart Libraries kicked-off their continuing education workshop series at East Providence Public Library.

Twitter 101 was facilitated by GSLIS alumna Catherine Damiani who currently works as the Digital Services Librarian at East Providence Public Library. This workshop was designed to introduce librarians to Twitter and teach this microblogging tool as a vehicle to exchange information.

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## MSL at RIDE Tech Conference

October 17, 2015. Providence, RI. Media Smart Libraries partook in the excitement of digital learning at the Rhode Island Department of Education's (RIDE) Innovation Powered by Technology Conference. The annual conference--attended by educators, administrators, and librarians--is an opportunity to network and explore the intersections of education and technology. Media Smart Libraries took this occasion to spread the word about our professional development workshops, goals, partnerships, and library leader cohort program.



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## Celebrating National Media Literacy Week

November 3rd, 2015. Cumberland, RI. Media Smart Libraries partnered with the National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE) for the first annual United States Media Literacy Week November 2nd-6th, 2015. The continuing education workshop for librarians, Start a Conversation on Digital Voice in Your Library, was held on November 3rd at the Cumberland Public Library.

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## PCFF Film Jury

November 16, 2015. Cranston, RI. The Providence Children's Film Festival invited Media Smart Libraries to an evening of popcorn, independent film, and lively discussion at Cranston Public Library where librarians were given the opportunity to watch independent film programming in action.



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## Experts Share Youth Film Programming Tips

November 19, 2015. Newport, RI. Media Smart Libraries teamed up with the GiveMe5 Film Education Program for the workshop titled Starting and Growing a Film Program: Elementary Through High School. This workshop, held at the beautiful Newport Art Museum, brought together a panel of film experts from across Rhode Island

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## Stop Motion Animation Workshop

Wednesday Dec 9, 2015

6:00 - 8:00pm

Feinstein Middle School Library, Coventry, RI

Stop motion animation is a fun way to create films and has the potential to be an engaging library program for children and teens. Learn the history of stop motion animation, watch some examples of films, and then get your hands wet by creating your own stop motion film. Facilitator Bonnie Epstein will bring all the equipment and objects you need to produce a film. A list of sample equipment, budget amounts, and tips to run your own program will be provided.

Due to popular demand we are scheduling a second session on February 3rd. For more information and to register for the second Stop Motion Animation workshop, visit [mediasmartlibraries.org](http://mediasmartlibraries.org)

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