



## **ILEAD USA – New York State Libraries**

During 2015, the New York State Library, in partnership with the New York Library Association and the Mid-York Library System, is collaborating with state library agencies from Illinois, Delaware, Maine, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah and Wisconsin to implement ILEAD USA – a nationwide leadership immersion program utilizing web technologies, expanding library staff's leadership skills and their ability to use participatory technology. Participants work in teams to address an identified community need and will be assisted by Mentors/Instructors in developing a successful project.

### **TEAMS**

Each team will consist of 3-5 members. The New York State Library urges participants to form teams that consist of a variety of library types: public, school, academic and special, although teams can be of a single library type. Teams can be regional or can be from a specific New York community. Team projects (one per team) can address statewide issues or a specific issue in a library's community. Team participants should be willing to address innovative solutions and be interested in upgrading their technology and developing their leadership skills.

### **DATES**

Team participants will participate in three mandatory in-person sessions over the period of nine months:

March 23-26, 2015  
June 22-25, 2015  
October 26-29, 2015

During these meetings, team participants will acquire and improve the skills needed to develop,

implement, manage and evaluate a team- identified community-based project.

During the intersession periods (April to May 2015 and July to September 2015) team participants are responsible for participating in a minimum total (for both intersessions) of five training opportunities they identify as beneficial to their team project.

### **LOCATION**

All three mandatory meetings will take place at the Mid-York Library System, 1600 Lincoln Ave, Utica, NY 13502 (<http://www.midYork.org>)

### **COST**

All lodging and meals for team participants and mentors/instructors will be paid for through ILEAD USA grant funds. Travel to the Mid-York Library System and any personal and incidental expenses are the responsibility of each team member and mentor/instructor.

### **TO APPLY**

Teams should apply at:

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/ilead/apply.htm>

**Applications are due by January 25, 2015.**

NOTE: Applications are only accepted online, with one team member completing the application for the entire team. Mentors/instructors must apply separately.

### **CONTACT**

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