



Re-Announcing the 2025 MILEX Award

The Maryland Information Literacy Exchange (MILEX) is a collaborative of Maryland librarians promoting information literacy in higher education. MILEX maintains 501(c)3 status as a non-profit organization.

We are thrilled to re-announce the first annual MILEX Information Literacy Hot Topic Award, which will be given for the most compelling Information Literacy Hot Topic Literature Review submitted by a library school student or early-career academic librarian living or working in Maryland. MILEX officers will judge. The recipient will present the winning Information Literacy Hot Topic Literature Review at the July 11, 2025 MILEX meeting, which will be held online. The winner will also receive a monetary award of \$500, a one-year MILEX membership, and support for placing the review in an academic publication.

Who can apply for the award:

- Any academic library employee who has been living or working in Maryland during the 2024-25 academic year and who graduated from library school during or after academic year 2021-22
- Any student enrolled in library school in Maryland during the 2024-25 academic year
- Any student who has been living in Maryland during the 2024-25 academic year and who is currently enrolled in any online or low-residency library school

Your Information Literacy Hot Topic Literature Review should address these pressing questions:

- What is the range of current thinking in academic librarianship about this Information Literacy Hot Topic? In other words, what do we know now?
- What do we still need to learn? In other words, what do current practitioners and researchers say about what future research should be conducted around this area of focus?

Your Information Literacy Hot Topic Literature Review must:

- be formatted in APA style and at least 2,500 words, not counting abstract and references
- discuss at least 15 resources from library and education literature published in the past 5 years
- describe current thinking and research from the scholarship and other professional literature of librarianship and higher education, including avenues for future research
- be submitted as a PDF file by May 30, 2025

At the July 11 MILEX meeting, in addition to providing a fifteen-minute presentation about the winning literature review, the author will take questions and provide prompts to guide a discussion of the Information Literacy Hot Topic among meeting participants.

The winner will be announced by June 15, 2025.

Use [THIS FORM](https://milexmd.org/award.html) (available at milexmd.org/award.html) to upload your work.

We are excited to read your submission!

Do you have questions about how a particular paper or subject of inquiry might address a hot topic in information literacy? Other concerns? MILEX Chair Brandy Whitlock would love to chat with you.

Contact her at chair@milexmd.org to set up a time.