



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 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 in Maryland. MILEX officers and other spring conference committee members will judge. The recipient will present the winning Information Literacy Hot Topic Literature Review at the 2025 Spring Conference and will receive a monetary award of \$500, as well as complimentary MILEX membership for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Who can apply for the award:

- Any student enrolled in library school in Maryland during the 2024-2025 academic year
- Any student who has been living in Maryland during the 2024-2025 academic year and who is currently enrolled in any online or low-residency library school

Your Information Literacy Hot Topic Literature Review should answer 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 so that we can better understand 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 within 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 January 15, 2025

The 2025 MILEX Spring Conference is scheduled for April 25, Maryland location TBA. At this conference, in addition to providing a fifteen-minute presentation that distills the winning literature review, the author will take questions and provide prompts to guide a discussion of the Information Literacy Hot Topic among conference participants.

The winner will be announced by March 15, 2025.

Use [THIS FORM](#) to provide your contact information and upload your work.
Contact Brandy Whitlock, MILEX Chair, with questions at chair@milexmd.org.

We are excited to read your submission!