The mission of MentorLib is to strengthen relationships across the library communities in Tennessee and New Jersey, and to provide an avenue for collegial collaboration and support.

The goal is not only to make connections among librarians and library staff stronger but by doing so, to make our libraries stronger. Connection and collaboration among librarians and staff are key to thriving libraries. This connectedness serves as a platform for sharing ideas and forming collaborations all with the philosophy of superior customer service in mind.

Interested?
Scan the QR code or visit https://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/guidelines#MentorTN

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For help with user account registration or the Mentors’ Directory online form, please fill out the LibraryLinkNJ website support form:
https://librarylinknj.zohodesk.com/

The Directory provides an opportunity and virtual place to connect with professional peers. Share experience and knowledge by becoming a mentor or seek support as a mentee. Network and participate in regular online meet-ups on topics of interest to the library community.

MentorTN is for everyone!
Library staff from all types of libraries are encouraged to join!

The MentorTN Directory is made possible by a partnership between the Tennessee Library Association & LibraryLinkNJ.
Network with colleagues, learn from their experiences, and celebrate our profession.

Participate in online weekly meetups. These virtual meetings bring Tennessee and New Jersey library staff together on various topics to provide a virtual space to discuss their concerns, share their ideas, and 'hang out' with their colleagues.

Groups include:
- African American Library Staff
- Adventures in Administration
- Asian/Pacific Islander (API) Library Staff
- Disabled & Neurodivergent Library Staff
- Juggling Parenting & Library Work
- Latino Library Staff
- Leading Lean Libraries
- Maker Meetup
- School Libraries
- Services for Immigrant Communities
- Support for Intellectual Freedom Fighters
- Tech!
- Wellness Wednesdays
- Youth Services

Receive a weekly email listing the upcoming meetups along with a Zoom link.

Share your experience and knowledge with other colleagues.

**MentorTN** provides a directory of mentors — library professionals and paraprofessionals in Tennessee and New Jersey — who volunteer to share their experience and knowledge with any library colleague, including those new to the field, who could benefit from professional advice and guidance. With an outstanding list of mentors to choose from (including library directors, archivists, school librarians, university librarians, and emerging technologies librarians), anyone in the Tennessee library community has the opportunity to learn from others in the field.

**How to Join the MentorTN Directory:**
1. Go to [https://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/guidelines#MentorTN](https://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/guidelines#MentorTN)
2. Register for a user account. We will verify your eligibility (work emails are preferred). Allow 2-3 days for a response.
3. Once you receive your confirmation email, you will be able to create your account and a profile.
4. Add an e-badge to your email signature to let others know you are a mentor! Get yours at [librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/MentorLIB/ebadge](https://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/MentorLIB/ebadge)

Reach out for professional guidance and support.

The **MentorTN** directory provides a list of people willing to offer advice, support, and overall professional development. Mentees can be from any location and do not need an account.

Students, librarians, and paraprofessionals new to the profession or to the state who are looking for information about the Tennessee or New Jersey library communities and/or seek a mentor for their professional development can be mentees.

Librarians and paraprofessionals who are taking over new job responsibilities and need a mentor to assist them are welcome.

Those interested in pursuing a library career in the State of Tennessee or New Jersey, or who want to learn more about libraries are also welcome.

Interested parties can browse the directory and contact any mentor(s) that may be a good match based on interests and professional goals.