**Madison-Oneida School Library System Mentoring Program**

**Qualifications:**

**Mentor:** Certified Library Media Specialist who has at least five years experience and is a member of the New York Library Association / Section of School Librarians (SSL).

**Protégé:** Certified School Library Media Specialist who has less than three years experience or has less than one year in the Madison-Oneida BOCES area.

**The program:**

Mentors demonstrate evidence of reading a mentoring article or attend a mentor workshop.

Mentor/Protégé teams are identified by September 30. The Mentors/Protégés should not be from the same district if possible. We are limited to a maximum of 14 Mentor/Protégé participants.

Mentoring Teams meet together at least three times throughout the school year, at least twice before May 30. Logs of meetings are to be kept.

Mentor Teams attend the *Leatherstocking Conference and Technology Showcase* together to introduce protégé to other School Librarians of the region and educational resource vendors.

Mentoring Teams maintain electronic communication throughout the year.

Mentor Teams attend the full SSL annual conference together. *Madison-Oneida School Library System pays for full registration (which includes meals) and hotel costs for attending the Thursday evening to Saturday afternoon conference.* Travel or other costs are not covered.

*School Library System will cover first year membership in SSL/NYLA for protégés not already members of NYLA.*

School districts must commit to the support of their School Librarians participation in conferences and meetings.

**Evaluation:**

Participants will evaluate the overall usefulness of the program and provide suggestions for enhancements to any future mentoring program.
Madison-Oneida School Library System
Mentoring Program Participant Application Form

____________________________, School Librarian at ____________________ School

would like to apply to participate in the Madison-Oneida School Library System
Mentoring Program as part of a team with ____________________________ School
Librarian at ____________________ School.

___As a mentor I commit to:

- Demonstrate evidence of reading a mentoring article or attend a mentor workshop
- Maintain membership in NYLA/SSL.
- Attend the Leatherstocking Conference with my protégé.
- Meet with my protégé at least three (3) times during the year (at least twice before May 30 and once at the end of the school year.)
- Maintain electronic communication with protégé throughout the school year.
- Attend the full SSL/NYLA conference. (Registration with meals and hotel room costs to be covered by the School Library System.)
- Complete the Mentor Program Evaluation or write an article for the News and Notes Newsletter by June 15.

Or

___ as a protégé, I commit to:

- Obtain or maintain membership in NYLA/SSL. (School Library System will pay $25 first year membership for protégés.)
- Attend the Leatherstocking Conference with my mentor.
- Meet with my mentor at least three (3) times during the year (at least twice before May 30 and once at the end of the school year.)
- Keep a short log of mentoring meetings.
- Maintain electronic communication with mentor throughout the school year.
- Attend the full SSL/NYLA conference. (Registration with meals and hotel room costs to be covered by the School Library System.)
- Complete the Mentor Program Evaluation or write an article for the News and Notes Newsletter by June 15.

Signature ___________________________ ___________________________
School Librarian signature School District signature

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Superintendent signature

School District commits to pay for the Leatherstocking Conference registration and to provide release time/substitute costs to support the attendance of _______________________ at Leatherstocking Conference and SSL/NYLA Conference as outlined in the Madison-Oneida School Library System Mentoring Program.

____________________________ Date______________________
Superintendent signature

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