



## THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

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Dear Library and Information Science School Dean:

In support of your commitment to develop the next generation of librarians and information professionals, I write to promote the third year of an exciting program—Librarians-in-Residence at the Library of Congress. The program gives early career librarians the opportunity to gain meaningful work experience in at least one of the following general areas of specialization: Acquisitions and Collection Development, Cataloging and Metadata, Collection Preservation, Reference and Instruction, Systems and Standards, and Digital Management of Information Assets.

The Librarians-in-Residence will receive professional development by undertaking assignments that contribute to the ongoing mission and work of the Library. In addition, they will participate in enrichment activities and receive mentoring from seasoned Library professionals. As they become acquainted with the Library of Congress and its strategic goals, the residents will come to understand the role of the world's largest library and its significance to Congress, the American people, and researchers from across the nation and abroad.

I am looking for newly graduated librarians and information professionals to bring their intellectual engagement, technological prowess, and theoretical knowledge of library and information science to bear on practical challenges. Selectees will be offered an initial six-month, temporary appointment at the GS-9 pay level. The program is open to students who have earned, or will complete, their Master's degree within an American Library Association-accredited program after December 2018 and by June 2020.

Each candidate's application package will include a federal style résumé, official transcript, a statement of professional interest, and the names of three references. The three references must be: 1) the dean or director of their school, 2) a professor in their school or a supervisor in their current job, and 3) an individual of their own choosing. References may be contacted by telephone or email, and asked about the candidate's qualifications. The details of the application process are posted at: [loc.gov/librarians](http://loc.gov/librarians) and [loc.gov/ifp](http://loc.gov/ifp)

I ask that you encourage promising students in your school to apply during the submission period, which is open from December 12, 2019 through January 17, 2020. The expected starting date for selectees is July 6, 2020. For questions and more information, please contact Linda Stiber Morenus at [Librarians-in-Residence@loc.gov](mailto:Librarians-in-Residence@loc.gov).

Thank you in advance for identifying top graduates of your program, and cultivating interest in the Librarians-in-Residence Program at the Library of Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carla Hayden".

Carla Hayden  
Librarian of Congress