Call for Book Proposals: Leadership and Management in the Health Sciences Library

The MLA Books Panel is seeking authors or editors for a monograph that provides guidance to health sciences librarians who are interested in the field of leadership and management. The monograph could include, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- reporting on trends in leadership in health sciences libraries, including leading multiple branches at once
- leading with diversity, equity, and inclusion
- leading and valuing all library employees, including nonlibrarian staff
- examining differences between leadership and management
- leading from where you stand
- becoming an accidental manager
- analyzing reasons to take on a leadership role
- seeking a mentor or being a mentor
- dealing with difficult situations with staff
- engaging in reflective practice and management and leadership
- managing change
- communicating value
- describing important skills for leadership and management (e.g., time management, project management, decision making, emotional intelligence)
- finding a path to leadership
- preparing for accreditation of the health care facility, the medical school, or other health sciences educational programs
- special challenges faced by hospital librarians, including leading units outside the library

Please consider the list above as a jumping-off point rather than a prescriptive list. You may write the book by yourself (or with other coauthors) or edit it and seek contributions from other authors. We describe the submission process at Publish a Book with MLA. To begin the process, submit your completed step 1 form to Martha Lara at MLA by March 23, 2021. If you have questions about serving as the editor or the author of the entire volume, please contact Erin Watson, AHIP. We cannot consider contributions of individual chapters at this time.

Do you have an idea for a book on a topic other than leadership and management? The Books Panel welcomes proposals on any topic likely to be of interest to health sciences librarians. Simply fill in the step 1 form and submit it to Martha Lara. More information on the publication process is available at Publish a Book with MLA.