

**5 GOOD REASONS
TO JOIN THE MLA PARALIBRARIAN SECTION**

What's in it for you?

Good question.

And here are some good answers:

- **ADVOCACY** – Network and career opportunities with Library Support Staffers who are dedicated to librarianship and working together to promote library services, and grow salaries and jobs for paralibrarians.
- **PARA CERTIFICATION** – <http://masslib.org/PARAProgram> -- Validate your library experience and skills with this statewide certification under the umbrella of the MBLC and MLA. PARA certifies at 4 levels of experience, and is aligned with the ALA LSSCP. Expand your career opportunities and let's work together to link salary and promotions to certification. The PARA Certification is strong in MA and NH. With plans to grow to a New England regional certification.
- **RECOGNITION** – Two awards are presented at the MLA Conference for Outstanding Library Support Staff of the Year and Outstanding Paralibrarian Advocate of the Year. Nominations come from you! Awards come with cheers and applause! <http://www.masslib.org/ParalibrarianAwardsWeb2018>
- **LISTEN AND BE HEARD** – How do you fit in to the big picture of library services in Massachusetts? The Paralibrarian Section meets 6 times/year (3 times in person and 3 times by Skype). Calendar on MLA website: <http://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/M/MLA/ekp.cfm?curOrg=MLA>) with an annual meeting at the MLA Conference. Join us to brainstorm issues and take action.
- **SAVINGS** – Join MLA and the Paralibrarian Section, and for \$20 more you can join both MLA and NELA! Check out what MLA can do for you: <http://www.masslib.org/joinmla> (MLA Membership is based on income and can range from \$20 to \$90/year)