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[Willis tapped for co-director role](#)

BUCKLAND — Mohawk Trail Regional School Librarian Emily Willis was chosen to serve as co-director for the western region on the Massachusetts School Library Association’s Executive Board.

Willis has participated in programs offered by the Massachusetts School Library Association over multiple years and is honored to take on the year-long role. She has been a school librarian for 18 years after having earned degrees from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Simmons University in Boston.

Sharing her views and goals for the next year, Willis said in a statement, “MSLA has been a great way to meet up with fellow school librarians from our region and across the state. From the association we are able to access relevant professional development opportunities and grow as learners and professionals. My goal is for Franklin County area librarians to have more time to connect on shared interests, like going to author talks and attending other local events, and creating a closer-knit community of librarians.”

Mohawk Trail Regional School Principal Chris Buckland said Willis “works tirelessly for our students, families and staff.”

“Emily is a wonderful colleague and an incredible resource for our district,” Buckland said in a statement. “I am very thankful that she is a part of our talented staff.”

In early 2023, Willis was honored with a [Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award](#) for her work creating an innovative curriculum, curating a diverse and student-centered book collection, and crafting a welcoming space for students.

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