Library Associations

Membership Reimbursement for Students
GSLIS encourages student membership in professional organizations by reimbursing up to $35 of the first year membership. This would cover, for instance, a joint membership in ALA and RILA. (See advantages of ALA Student Membership).

Funds for student reimbursement are taken from the Lucille Chernack Professional Development Fund, established in 2006 in honor of Graduate of the Year Lucille Chernack, for her unwavering commitment to professional action.

Getting Involved
Our student chapters of ALA and SLA are open to all GSLIS students, and are linked to state and national organizations. For instance, GSLIS can nominate one student each year to attend the American Library Association conference for a reduced rate under the Student-to-Staff program. See results of the 2011 national ALA Student Chapters Survey.

Here are some organizations of interest - state, regional, and national:

State and Regional Associations
- ACRL New England Chapter
- Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS)/New England
- Art Library Students and New ARLIS Professionals (ArLiSNAP)
- Association of Rhode Island Health Sciences Libraries
- REFORMA, Northeast Chapter
- New England Library Association
- Connecticut Library Association
- Maine Library Association
- Massachusetts Library Association
- New Hampshire Library Association
- Vermont Library Association
- Rhode Island Library Association - RILA
- Rhode Island Educational Media Association - RIEMA
- Rhode Island Coalition of Library Advocates - COLA
- Cornucopia of Rhode Island – CORI

National and International Associations
- American Educational Research Association - AERA
- American Library Association - ALA
- ALA New Members Round Table
- American Association of Law Libraries
- Association of College and Research Libraries - ACRL
• Association for Information Management - ASLIB
• American Indian Library Association
• Art Libraries Society of North America
• Asian Pacific American Librarians Association
• Association for Educational Communications & Technology
• Association of Independent Information Professionals
• Association for Library and Information Science Education - ALISE
• Association of Research Libraries
• American Society for Information Science and Technology - ASIS&T
• Beta Phi Mu
• Black Caucus of ALA
• Canadian Association for Information Science/L'Association canadienne des sciences de l'information
• Canadian Library Association
• Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals
• Chinese American Librarians Association
• Church and Synagogue Library Association
• Council on Library/Media Technicians
• Friends of Libraries U. S. A.
• International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions - IFLA
• Medical Library Association
• Music Library Association
• New England Archivists
• North American Serials Interest Group, Inc.
• North Atlantic Sciences Librarians
• Patent and Trademark Depository Library Association
• REFORMA - The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking
• Society of American Archivists
• Special Library Association - SLA
• Theatre Library Association
• Urban Libraries Council