



# RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

## do you want to learn about:

- designing outcome-based evaluation of programs and services
- assessing the needs of your community
- techniques for tracking public library data and using these data for planning, management, and demonstrating the library's worth
- using data and stories to document the impact of your library

Join approximately 100 public library staff in summer 2018 to learn about these topics and more in an intensive, three-day national institute offered by the Colorado State Library and the Colorado Library Consortium. Launched in 2015, the Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL) meets a distinct need of public libraries in rural, suburban, and urban areas for practical evaluation skills.

Participants will walk away from RIPL with tools for evaluation, confidence in building research into their activities, and a network of colleagues for future learning and success.

## vision

Our vision is to create a culture shift in public libraries to be purposeful in gathering, analyzing, and using data for decision making, strategic planning, and demonstrating impact. RIPL will educate change agents who will go back to their libraries with the tools, competencies, and commitment to lead evidence-based practice.

### here's what past participants had to say about RIPL:

**"The topics covered were extremely relevant and timely for my needs as a public library administrator.** I loved the combination of big picture planning, identifying community needs, and measuring outcomes in addition to very specific tasks like creating a surveys and infographics."

"I have always believed in the importance of everything covered during RIPL but now **I have a practical and scalable framework to use for implementing all these best practices in a small library.**"

"RIPL was **one of the most rewarding and useful professional development opportunities** that I have attended in my career."

### questions

Email [RIPL@LRS.ORG](mailto:RIPL@LRS.ORG) or visit [RIPL.LRS.ORG](http://RIPL.LRS.ORG) for more information.



### who

The target audience for RIPL is public librarians, administrators, and any other staff who seek to develop their skills in evaluation and data use for planning, management, and demonstrating their library's impact. State library staff interested in strengthening their knowledge of these topics are also encouraged to attend.



### where

The Emory Conference Center Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia  
<http://www.emoryconferencecenter.com/>



### when

July 29 - August 1, 2018

### Schedule:

July 29: travel to venue, evening event

July 30: full day of workshops

July 31: full day of workshops

August 1: morning and afternoon workshops, end by mid-afternoon



### how

The Institute fee is \$1,200. **This is an all-inclusive fee** that covers the curriculum, three nights lodging, and most meals. Registration opens **January 17, 2018** at [ripl.lrs.org](http://ripl.lrs.org).