

do you want to learn about:

- designing outcome-based evaluation of programs and services
- assessing the needs of your community
- techniques for tracking 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 up to 50 participants from public libraries in August 2019 to learn about these topics and more in an intensive, **two-day regional institute** hosted by the **Library of Michigan** in partnership with 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 the RIPL Regional 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 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

For more information, contact the RIPL Team at ripl@lrs.org.

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who



The target audience for the RIPL Regional is public library staff who seek to develop their skills in evaluation and data use for planning, management, and demonstrating their library's impact.

where



East Lansing Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

when



August 7, 2019

8:00-8:30 Registration/Breakfast, 8:30-5:00 Workshop

August 8, 2019

8:00-8:30 Breakfast, 8:30-5:00 Workshop

how



The registration fee for this event is \$50 and includes breakfast and lunch both days. **Registration will open for Michigan residents on March 18, 2019.** Registration will open for non-Michigan residents on April 1, 2019.

Some travel stipends will be available for participants working in small and rural public libraries. See ripl.lrs.org/mi2019 for more information.