



# 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
- aligning evaluation efforts with existing initiatives such as Edge Benchmarks, Impact Survey, and Project Outcome

Join 100 public library leaders in fall 2016 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 skills in assessment, evaluation, and benchmarking.

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 2015 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 Inverness Hotel & Conference Center, Englewood, CO, located 15 miles south of downtown Denver. [www.invernesshotel.com](http://www.invernesshotel.com)



### when

September 30-October 3, 2016

#### Schedule:

September 30: travel to venue, evening event

October 1: full day of workshops

October 2: full day of workshops

October 3: morning and afternoon workshops, end by late afternoon



### how

The Institute fee is \$1,465. **This is an all-inclusive fee** that covers the curriculum, three nights lodging, and most meals. Registration opens **January 26, 2016.**