

So why PLL?

As a strong believer in life-long learning and professional development, I value the education offered through this program. The modules offered through PLL, such as governance, HR, municipal relations, intellectual freedom, financing, etc., delivers such rich and unparalleled insights into the public library administration. We gain insights from real-life experiences that we may not have been privy to during graduate school. Also, as the industry evolves, and as time passes from when we graduated, the information we may have received early in our careers has now changed. So making this course play an important role in the on-going refreshment of our knowledge base. Also, the vital connections made through this course.

The leadership running our modules is of such vital, soft and hard skills, that libraries need. I am incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to be coached by these brilliant leaders for a few days throughout the year-and-a-half. Also, the members of the cohort, suddenly I have an even larger network of talented colleagues from across country.

How do you see it being transformative in the future?

It will be transformative in fostering a professional community, it already has. My colleague, another director at SPL, was in the second cohort and her team continues to meet and present to one another and use each other as a knowledge base. Our cohort is continuing this practice and I'm excited to see how the program will continue to grow the network. Also further, for I see it transformative for legacy planning within the profession as a whole.

Leadership in public libraries right now, they've leading change and they have such strong advocacy skills and such a presence and this will ensure their charisma and knowledge is passed on to future library CEOs.