October 1, 2023

Dear CARLI Member Library Director:

***Have you wanted your library to…***

Create a powerful impact narrative for your library?

Use data in a compelling way to tell your library’s story to your stakeholders?

Demonstrate how your library supports graduation and retention rates?

***Come join us!***

CARLI Counts is a continuing education library leadership immersion program that prepares librarians to make effective use of research findings on the impact of academic libraries on student success for the twin purposes of service development and library advocacy. Program participants learn how to use local library data analytics in alignment with institutional data, goals, and strategic priorities to improve their services and demonstrate their value. CARLI Counts deliverables already include a portfolio of local case studies, an evaluation of the collective statewide impact of those cases, and a replicable state/regional training model for equipping librarians to be campus leaders in assessing library impact on student learning and success, all of which are being made openly available on the CARLI website. CARLI Counts was originally developed and offered through the support of an Institute of Museum and Library Services, Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant. Cohort 5 is funded by CARLI.

Cohort 5 will meet in person for two sessions, two days each session, for a **total of four in-person days**. Each cohort will be divided into **teams of five, each with one mentor.** In-person dates are **February 27-29, 2024, and August 6-8, 2024,** **in Champaign, Illinois**; the first day begins with a welcome dinner, program orientation, and team development.

Support for travel to/from Champaign for the two in-person sessions is the responsibility of your library but lodging, meals, instructional materials, and expert instructors are paid for by CARLI. Support for participants to attend the CARLI Annual Meeting, tentatively scheduled for **October 22, 2024,** in Champaign is also the responsibility of your library.

***How does my library participate?***

To be considered for participation, complete this **Library Application Form** and submit it to Anne Craig (abcraig@uillinois.edu) by **December 1, 2023**. If your library is invited to participate, you will then identify one person from your library to participate and they will complete the **Individual Information Form** (sample attached).

**Acceptance for participation: Alumni and multiple staff from one institution**

If your institution participated in Cohort 1-4, you are still encouraged to apply, particularly if your institution would be represented by a different staff member than participated before. Alumni from previous cohorts as well as staff new to CARLI Counts are welcome, although institutions new to the program will be accepted first. An institution may make multiple institutional applications for different projects. As such, multiple staff from a single institution may attend, with each working on a different project.

**Libraries will be invited to participate based on evaluation of these criteria:**

* Strength of the application narrative.
* Statewide geographical representation among the applicant pool.
* Diverse library type representation among the applicant pool (e.g., public university, private institutions, community colleges).

**Cohort 5 Library Application Forms are due by December 1, 2023.**

* Library Directors/Deans will be notified of decisions by December 8, 2023.
* **Individual Information Forms** from invited institutions are due January 5, 2024 (sample attached).

**Cohort 5**

**Library Application Form**

Submit electronically **by December 1, 2023, 5 p.m.,** to:

Anne Craig, Senior Director, abcraig@uillinois.edu

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| **Library name:** |       |
| **Director:** |       |
| **Title:** |       |
| **Email:** |       |
| **Person completing this application:** |       |
| **Title:** |       |
| **Email:** |       |
| **Date:** | Click or tap to enter a date. |

***Staff member from my institution who is expected to attend if my institution is invited:***

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| **Name** | **CARLI Counts Alum?** | **If Alum, Which Cohort?** |
|  | [ ] yes [ ] no | Cohort [ ]1 [ ]2 [ ]3 [ ]4 |

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| **Include a one-page-maximum narrative that responds to the following questions:**  |
| 1. What campus priorities at your institution are the most salient/important/relevant for your investigating your library's impact on student learning and success?
2. How would your library expect to benefit from participating in CARLI Counts?
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If your institution would like to undertake multiple projects, each facilitated by a different staff member, please submit a separate application for each project.