

Wisconsin Public Library System Redesign Steering Committee Recommendation Development Collaborator and Model Development Summit Participant Application Information

The Wisconsin Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) project is a multi-year process to consider services provided by public library systems in Wisconsin, develop new models for providing these services, and create a potential administrative, governance, and funding structure to support those new models. A Steering Committee, appointed by Dr. Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and consisting of library directors and staff and system directors, is the key driver of this redesign process.

The Steering Committee is seeking Core Recommendation Collaborators (CRC) and Model Development Summit participants, information about each is below, to help develop its recommendations regarding the administrative, governance, and funding structure to support service model recommendations developed by project workgroups. The work of the Steering Committee with the CRCs and summit attendees will be facilitated by Russell Consulting, Inc. This work will take place between March and August 2018. To learn more please see [the project FAQ](#).

Anyone interested in participating as a CRC or Model Development Summit participant should [complete this application](#) between **January 22nd and February 9th**. The committee seeks those:

- with finance/budget, human resource, and governance/policy expertise and experience, but these skills are not a prerequisite to participate.
- with strong communication skills, both written and oral.
- that are able to think systematically, are considered thought leaders among their peers and are able to consider future needs and adaptability.
- that bring a perspective of what is best for library services to all residents of Wisconsin.

Those from within and outside the public library community are encouraged to apply and the committee hopes to have representation from the following groups:

- WI Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) board
- WI Small Libraries (WISL) board
- WI Library Association (WLA) board
- WLA Library Development & Legislation Committee (LD&L)
- PL System Resource library directors
- Council on Libraries and Network Development (COLAND)
- County representatives
- Public Library staff
- Public Library directors
- Public Library System trustees
- Public Library System directors
- Public Library System staff
- Service providers
- Community members from outside the public library community
- Academic libraries
- University of Wisconsin iSchools

Core Recommendation Collaborator (CRC) – 10 people to be selected

Description

- CRCs will work in partnership with the PLSR Steering Committee to develop recommendations of an overall structure for administrative, funding and governance support for coordinated service models to libraries.
- CRCs will take a deep dive into the work done in the process so far, learning enough to inform the recommendation process.
- With the Steering Committee, CRCs will develop a preliminary overall framework for the potential administrative, governance, and funding structure to support new service models.
- CRCs will review and consider feedback that is gathered from the library community.
- CRCs will assist in the completion of a final report of recommendations that the Steering Committee will deliver to DPI.

Commitment

CRCs must be able to attend the following recommendation development sessions and commit to preparation and report development time needed outside of the sessions. The locations for the in-person sessions is to be determined, but will likely be in the center of the state.

- *March 12th to April 26th* – CRCs review project summary information and recommendations, written and online. This project education process will be paced over the seven weeks.
- *April 27th 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.* – Online/phone meeting to prepare for two in-person recommendation development sessions.
- *May 18th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.* – In-person recommendation development session.
- *June 8th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.* – In-person recommendation development session.
- *July 23rd to July 29th* – Review summary information from community comments on the preliminary framework gathered between June 11th to July 20th.
- *July 30th and 31st* – In-person two-day Model Development Summit.
- *August* – Assist in further developing recommendations into a final report. This will include responsibilities, as assigned, to possibly help with writing and reviewing documents.

Model Development Summit Participant – 45 people to be selected

Description

This summit will bring together a larger group of interested stakeholders from within and outside of the public library community to provide input and guidance to assist the Steering Committee and CRCs with finalizing the recommendations the Steering Committee will deliver to DPI.

Commitment

Model Development Summit participants must be able to commit to the following:

- Review summary information that will be provided, written and online, during June and July prepare for the two-day Model Development Summit.
- Attend two-day retreat on July 30th and 31st to help the Steering Committee and CRCs further develop administrative, governance, and funding structure recommendations. The location for this in-person retreat is to be determined, but will likely be in the center of the state.