March 2017 PLSR Project Update

Communications from the community:
- None

Workgroups & Topic Teams
- Chapter 43: The workgroup met on March 6th. There is a thorough work plan the group is executing to study other states’ administrative, governance and funding structures in addition to other types of organizations and how they are structured on a statewide level. To learn more about what research the workgroup is doing, please see their work plan.
- Workgroups: Workgroups are progressing on their work plans. A link to each workgroup’s plan is in their Dropbox folder.
- Topic teams: The work of the 4 topic teams is progressing to meet their timelines. A survey for the Help Center team went out and one for Resource Sharing is out now. The Defining CE & Consulting team has created a matrix outlining roles for the different workgroups to meet the CE & Consulting needs of libraries. Lastly, the Regions team is meeting on March 21st to discuss data each workgroup has gathered to begin outlining a regions model and identify questions to provide to the survey panel.

Conferences
- PLA 2018: Below is a proposed description for a session at PLA: *Reinvisioning Collaborative Services for Public Libraries: Wisconsin’s Story*
  In 2015, Wisconsin began a process to examine and recreate the ecosystem for collaborative public library services in the state, including those provided by regional library systems, the state, and others. Called the Public Library System Redesign Project (PLSR), the process set out to solve issues with equity and funding among the public library systems through a grassroots, community led process that focused on how services were provided, including continuing education, consulting, delivery, ILS, ILL, technology, and coordination around electronic resources and digital projects. During the session, panelists from a variety of perspectives, including the Steering Committee, project managers, workgroups, public library systems, and public libraries, will share their experiences with the process and the expected outcomes for library service in the state.

Communication review/update - decision makers/politicians
- COLAND: Bryan McCormick, Steve Ohs, and John Thompson, along with Stef Morrill and Bruce Smith and DPI staff, met with COLAND for a really engaged and interactive conversation about the PLSR project. It was a great meeting and the attendees will share more details during the meeting.
- COSLA: John Thompson, along with Stef Morrill and Bruce Smith, shared information about the process with representatives from 11 states at a webinar for COSLA. Of those attending, six volunteered to review information or help in other ways. Thanks to Kurt Kiefer for arranging this valuable session with COSLA!!