History

2004 - First Institute held in at Dumas Bay, WA
2006 - Tamarack, ID
2008 – Schweitzer, ID
2010 – Schweitzer, ID
2013 – Fort Worden, WA
2015 – Long Beach, WA
2017 – Fort Worden, WA
PNLA Leads

Biennial weeklong leadership institutes facilitating training to both degreed and non-degreed staff working in any type of library throughout the states and provinces within PNLA. It is designed to develop and enhance skills and aptitudes such as visioning, conflict resolution, commitment to community, personal introspection and growth, mentoring, team building and risk taking.
PNLA Leads

Facilitates personal and professional development while it endeavors to build a library network, reach otherwise isolated rural library staff, and address the important issue of succession planning though retention and development of talented staff within all types of libraries in the PNLA region.
Alumni

To date, 164 participants, representing a wide variety of institutions have gone through the program. In Idaho 15 different institutions across the state were represented over the years by 29 people. Four of those have since moved to other institutions, thus positively impacting 19 libraries.
Comments from past participants

- “This is a powerful and empowering potentially life changing experience. I cannot thank you all [enough] for the opportunity and experience. I trust my future actions will reflect the great work being done here.”

- “I have made many lasting connections.”

- “Reinforces and motivates me to act as the leader I know I am.”

- “Thanks! I think this is by far the most valid and practical “training” I’ve ever taken.”

- “This has given me the courage and inspiration to step out of my safe environment and know I can fly higher and further.”

- “Oh, the possibilities!”
“Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.”

— Jack Welch

Thoughts?
2017

The next institute will be held in October of 2017 at Fort Worden in Port Townsend, WA.

32 library staff from across the Pacific Northwest will be chosen to participate.

Will you be among them?