We need YOU to tell US!

Over the past decade or so, many have predicted severe consequences resulting from an aging workforce and technological change. To investigate the future of the library workforce, the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has commissioned a comprehensive study. All public and academic libraries, and a sample of special and school libraries will be asked to participate through completion of a web-based survey over the next several months. Please fill out the survey and return it! We will be using the information from surveys, along with other data, to identify the nature of anticipated labor shortages in the library and information science field over the next decade; assess the number and types of library and information science jobs that will become available in the U.S. either through retirement or new job creation; determine the skills that will be required to fill such vacancies; and recommend effective approaches to recruiting and retaining workers.

All library and information science professionals will benefit from the results of this survey -- but to be effective we need to have broad participation across all types of libraries and librarians. The results of the study will be made readily available.

When you get the information about the IMLS Future of the Library Workforce survey, please fill out the survey and submit it. Thank you!

PROJECT TEAM

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Pittsburgh
Syracuse University
Association of Research Libraries
Special Libraries Association

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

American Association of School Librarians
American Library Association
American Society for Information Science & Technology
Chief Officers of State Library Agencies
Federal Library and Information Center Committee
Medical Libraries Association
American Association of Law Libraries

More information about the study can be found on the project website at http://www.libraryworkforce.org/