You are invited to apply for the 8th Iowa Library Association Leadership Institute which will be held July 25-27 The Hotel at Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids.

Why a leadership institute?
Iowa’s future depends on educated, information-literate citizens. Libraries help create and sustain the essential habit of lifelong learning. Strong library leaders are essential to the evolution of great libraries. The Iowa Library Association has established a comprehensive leadership development program to ensure that its members are prepared to actively shape the future of Iowa libraries.

What happens at the Institute?
You will participate in activities designed to help you:
- Recognize yourself as a leader and develop the confidence to become a change agent in your library as well as in the larger community.
- Assess your personal leadership style and develop the skills to use that style for effective decision making.
- Seek creative solutions to shape the future of the Iowa Library Association and library service in Iowa.
- Connect to a supportive network of successful library leaders.

Who will lead the institute?
Maureen Sullivan, past ALA President (2012-2013), is the institute leader. A highly sought-after speaker and advisor, Sullivan has more than twenty-five years of experience as a consultant on organization development and work redesign, strategic planning, leadership, managing change, and establishing learning programs.

Who is invited to apply?
Any ILA member (may be MLS or non-MLS) with three years’ experience working in any Iowa library may apply to attend. The Leadership Development Committee will select up to 26 individuals to attend the institute.

Where and when is the institute held?
The institute will be held at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids. Participants will lodge in The Hotel. Accommodations are double occupancy. Daytime sessions and activities will be held in the adjoining Kirkwood Center. The institute will begin Wednesday, July 25 at 10:00 a.m. and end Friday, July 29 at 5:00 p.m.

What is the cost?
Approximately 75% of the costs of the institute (institute activities, lodging and meals) are paid for through the generosity of donors, including a LSTA grant through The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the ILA Foundation. The fee for each participant is $250 which includes lodging and most meals. Participants are expected to cover travel costs and miscellaneous expenses. Tuition assistance may be available to participants. Contact Melissa Primus at the ILA office at 515-282-8192 or 800-452-5507 with any questions regarding tuition assistance.
How are applications submitted?
The application form is available on the Iowa Library Association website
www.iowalibraryassociation.org. Applications are due Friday, March 30, 2018. Candidates
selected to attend the upcoming institute will be notified by May 4, 2018.