

## ILEAD USA-DELAWARE

Is looking for INNOVATIVE LIBRARIANS, INSTRUCTORS & MENTORS!

***ILEAD USA: Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply, and Discover*** is a continuing education library immersion program that cultivates both participatory technology and leadership skills in order to increase exposure of services, engage libraries' constituents, and provide opportunities for collaborating on innovative projects. ILEAD was initiated by the Illinois State Library, and Delaware will be a partner state during 2015. In Delaware, ILEAD is funded by an IMLS Laura Bush grant through the Illinois State Library and by the Delaware Division of Libraries.

The ILEAD USA continuing education model fosters the development of team projects over a nine month period that combines intermittent face-to-face meetings with online technology training sessions. At the end of nine months, the ILEAD USA program culminates with formal presentations of team projects, which either extend beyond ILEAD USA to become ongoing library programs, or the knowledge gained from ILEAD USA informs subsequent collaborative projects.

### SAVE THE DATES!

March 23-26, 2015  
June 23-25, 2015  
October 27-29, 2015

Join other awesome Delaware librarians to explore and discover how to apply participatory technology to respond to community needs. We are looking for individuals from all types of libraries to form teams of 5 for this technology and leadership immersion program. Team members will –

- Develop skills to conduct a community needs assessment
  - Manage a project that can be rapidly replicated
  - Build an online team product to meet users' needs
- Broaden the audience in your community to engage more users
  - Cultivate ongoing support for library initiatives
  - Mentor other library staff

For more information, including examples of team projects, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ileadde>  
(scroll down to the ILEAD box in the middle column)