



Colorado Library Consortium

2024 CLIC & CONNECT EVENT REPORT

April 2024 to May 2024



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SUMMARY

2024 CLiC & Connect Rural Meetups

2024 marked the third year of evolution for CLiC & Connect. These events are designed to complement the Virtual Winter Workshop and provide an opportunity for learning, and most importantly a chance for colleagues from rural libraries across the state to connect in-person. The Colleague on Call team focuses on providing timely content, often geared specifically for each location.

A balance of learning and networking leads to an energizing and inspiring day!

- A popular addition this year were the Library Spotlights, a chance to hear about exceptional things going on in a few of Colorado’s rural libraries.
- These events have broad appeal for all library staff. This opportunity is a key strength, allowing staff to connect and learn from each other, no matter what a person’s role is in their library.
- In-depth learning was added with “Mastering the Juggle: Flexible Collection Development.” Led by Chelsea Coleman, Colleague on Call for Eastern Colorado, observed, “It was a time not only for laying the foundation for good collection management, but for inspiring new approaches with a series of lightning thoughts. These quick idea segments coupled with hands-on exercises proved energizing for attendees.”

Sara Wright | Deputy Director



ATTENDEE HIGHLIGHTS

182

ATTENDEES

WHO CAME

Across our 4 locations, we had 182 library staff attend our 2024 CLiC & Connect Rural Meetups.

LOCATION	ATTENDEES
Durango	45
Pueblo	64
Steamboat	30
Fort Morgan	43

60%

FRONTLINE STAFF

BY LIBRARY ROLE

60% of all attendees work primarily on the frontline.

40% are directors, managers, or provide administrative support.

ATTENDEE HIGHLIGHTS

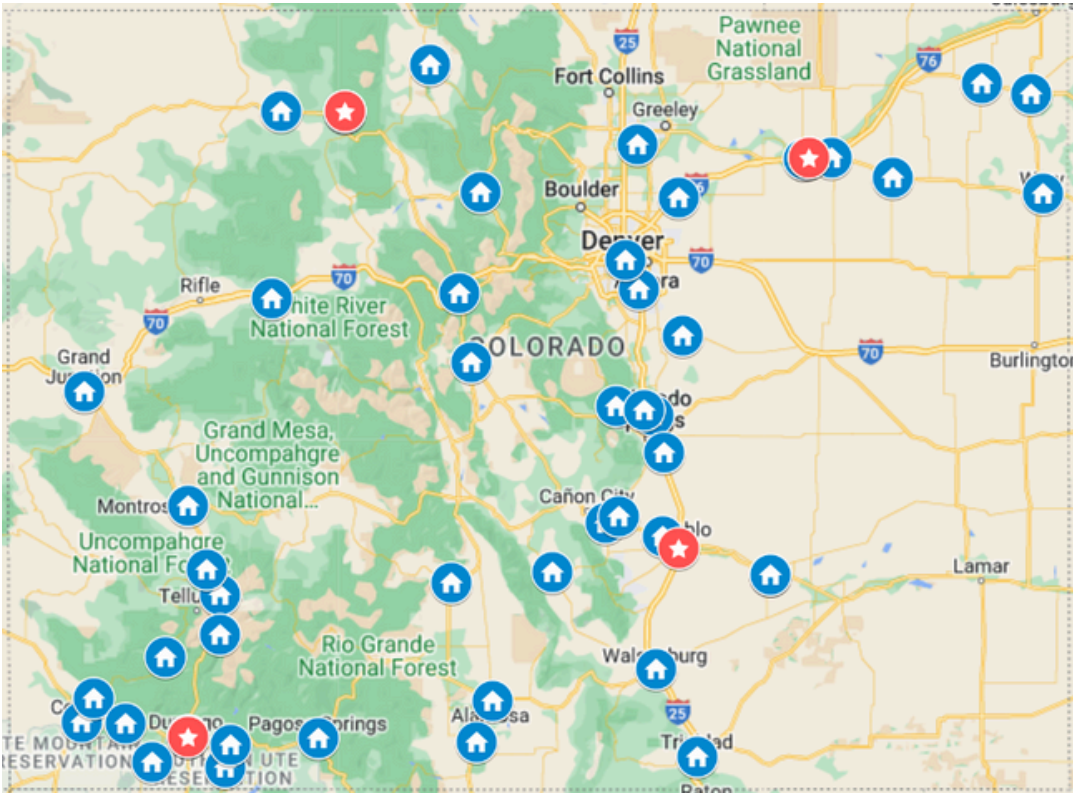
Part Two

51

WHERE THEY COME FROM

LIBRARIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Attendees hailed from all over Colorado, representing 51 different libraries and organizations.



- ★ CLiC & Connect Events: Pueblo, Durango, Steamboat, Fort Morgan
- 🏠 Attending Library

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

THESE SESSIONS WERE OFFERED AT ALL LOCATIONS:



Library Spotlights



Mastering the Juggle:
Flexible Collection
Development



Topic Tables



Boost Your
Numbers
(Panel Discussion)



Show Off
Your
Numbers

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OFFERED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS:



Colorado's Spanish
Speakers:
Who They Are & How
to Serve Them



Finding the Brilliant
in the Absurd:
Design Thinking for
Libraries



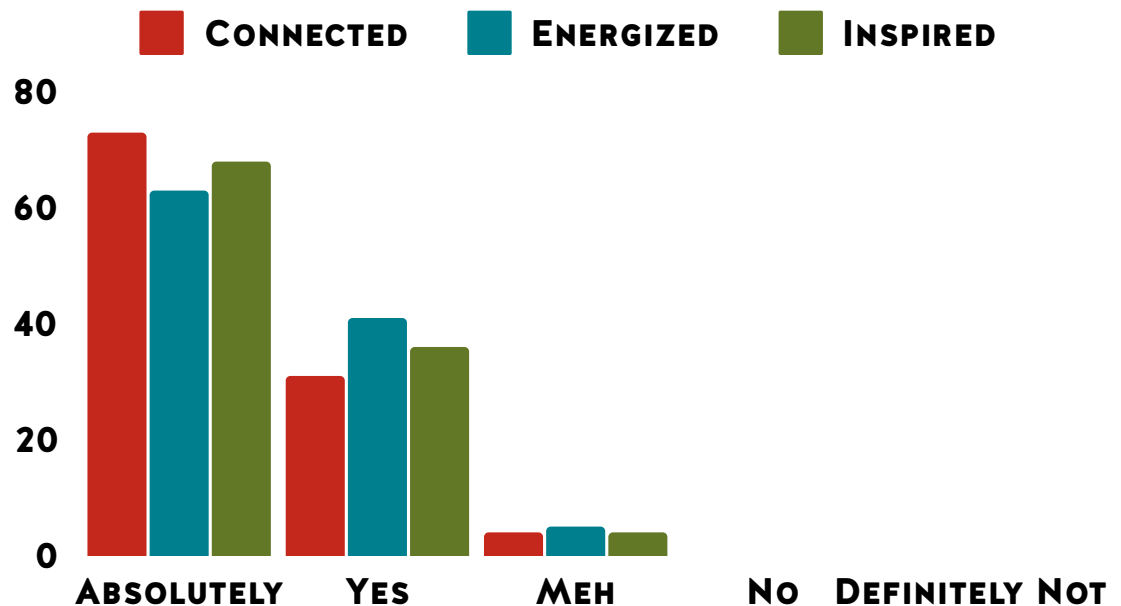
AspenCat Updates,
Tips & Tricks
SWIFT/Prospector
Updates & Best
Practices

Participant Feedback

Results based on post-event survey

We had 108 survey responses, which is a 59% response rate.

I felt connected, energized, and inspired as a result of/after attending the Pueblo CLiC & Connect Rural Meet-up.



Participant Feedback

Part Two

What was your “ah-ha” moment during the CLiC & Connect Rural Meet-up?

The information I learned at the CLiC & Connect Rural Meet-up will improve my work performance and/or the services I provide to my community by...

“We get focused on what isn't working and don't always get time to celebrate all the wins! Love the spotlights!”

“Giving me a community to problem solve with.”

“Ideas about the collection. What to do to create a better, cleaner and useful one. There were many good suggestions.”

“Working on improving what is needed in our library. The staff was motivated by hearing what other libraries are doing too.”

“Door to door outreach. I am community minded so I like the idea of ‘if they don't come to us, we go to them.’”

“Helping me think about how to better serve my stakeholders where they are”

“The moment of realizing, through a activity, that all of us are in the same boat with the same problems.”

“Bringing back new ideas and ways to advocate for the library.”

Participant Feedback

Part Three

Steamboat

“I appreciate that staff--not just librarians are included!”

“I liked being forced to sit with people I didn’t know. I’m shy and it helps me meet new people.”

Durango

Ft Morgan

“What stood out the most to me was how to use the data to share stories of the library, including ways to characterize data to more accurately explain how patrons interact with the library and how their interactions towards certain services shift overtime.”

“Great topics and great ideas to bring back to work with us. We talked about many things following the workshop. My staff had not been to a workshop like this, so it was inspiring.”

Steamboat

Pueblo

“The energy in the room, the excitement and just how great ideas are fostered.”

Photos

