



Colorado Library Consortium

2025 CLIC & CONNECT EVENT REPORT

April 2025 to May 2025



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SUMMARY

2025 CLiC & Connect Rural Meetups

When I look forward to CLiC & Connect each year, I think of the smiling faces, positive energy, and a spirit of inquiry and sharing that people bring to the day.

The planning team works all year to make this happen. The planning cycle starts in late spring after all the events wrap up. The team reviews surveys, follows an internal evaluation process and starts reserving locations for the following year.

The result of this attention to detail? Experiences such as feeling, “Connected in the beginning of the day learning about a new colleague. Energized by problem-solving procedures and policies. Inspired with the program spotlights.”

Opportunities for engaged learning happen all day and during all sessions.

- Library Spotlights provided time to discuss outside-the-box approaches to library service.
- Scenarios sparked lively discussions and provided time to practice “cognitive rehearsal” in small groups during the De-escalation session presented by Anna Szczepanski
- Hands on activities creating policies and procedures engaged people during Chelsea Coleman’s in-depth session.

See you in 2026 right in your neighborhood!

Sara Wright | Deputy Director



ATTENDEE HIGHLIGHTS

212

ATTENDEES

WHO CAME

Across our 4 locations, we had 212 library staff attend our 2025 CLiC & Connect Rural Meetups.

LOCATION	ATTENDEES
Durango	44
Pueblo	76
Glenwood Springs	34
Fort Morgan	58

67%

FRONTLINE STAFF

BY LIBRARY ROLE

67% of all attendees work primarily on the frontline.
33% are directors, managers, or provide administrative support.

ATTENDEE HIGHLIGHTS

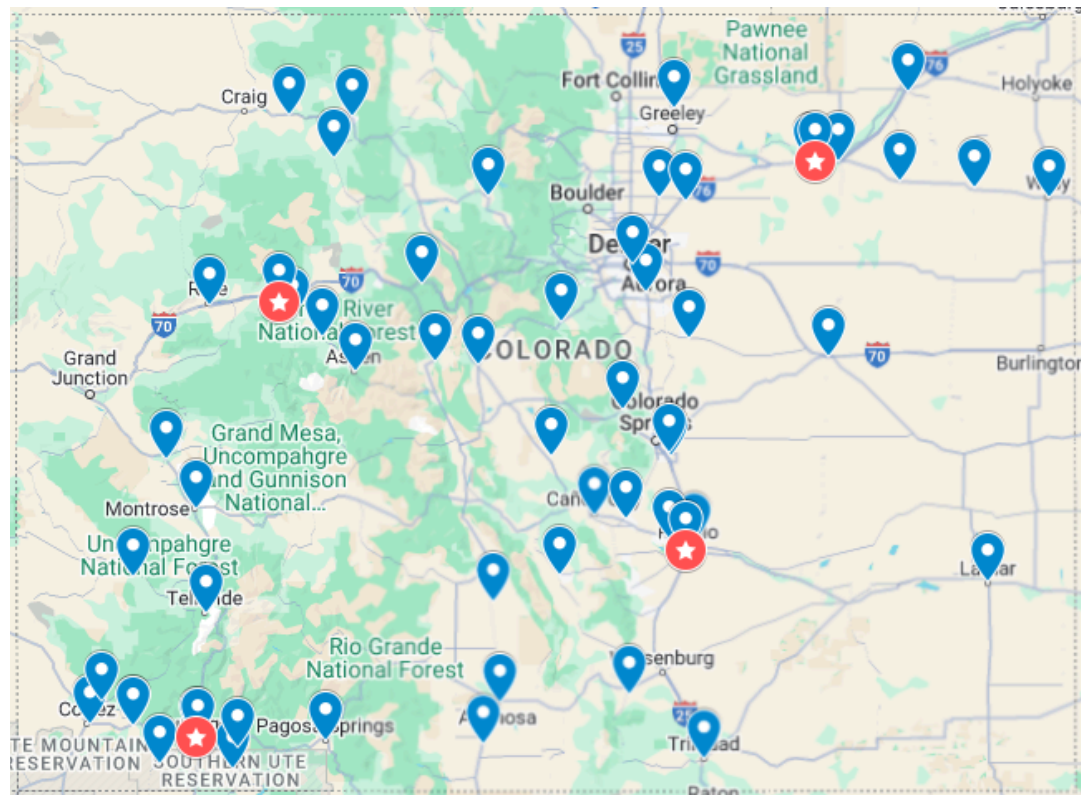
Part Two

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WHERE THEY COME FROM

LIBRARIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Attendees hailed from all over Colorado, representing 59 different libraries and organizations.



- ★ CLiC & Connect Events: Pueblo, Durango, Glenwood Springs, and Fort Morgan
- 📍 Attending Library

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

THESE SESSIONS WERE OFFERED AT ALL LOCATIONS:



Library Spotlights



We Need a Policy
for That?



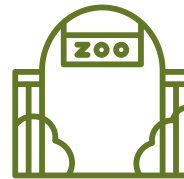
Procedure
Playbook



De-Escalation
Scenarios



Reader's Advisory
Circuit Training



Library of Things
Petting Zoo

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OFFERED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS:



Leveling Up for
Longer Lifespans



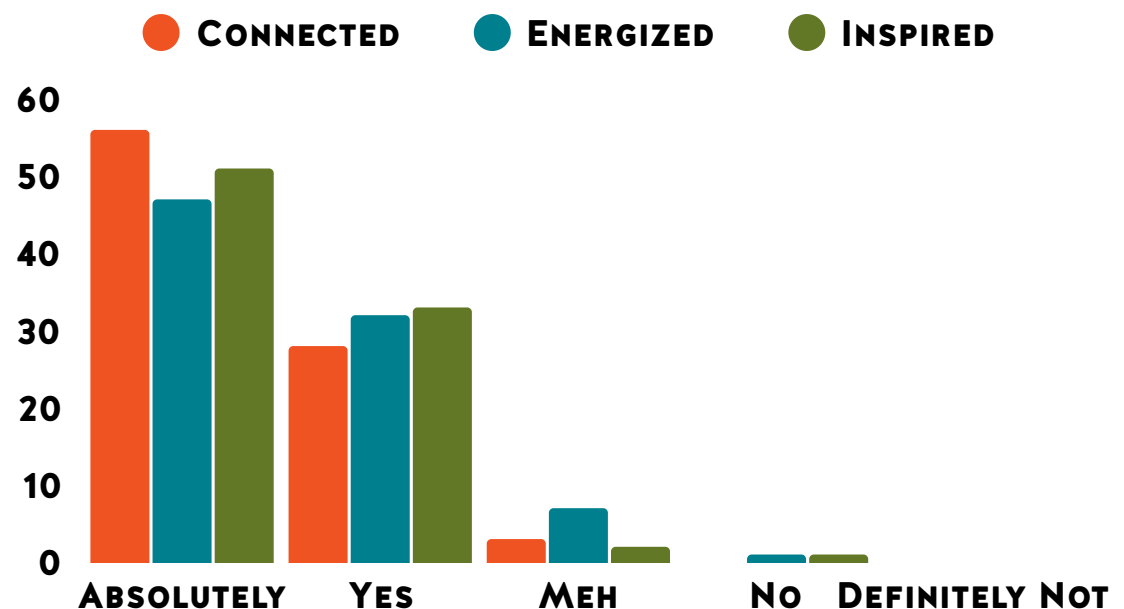
AspenCat Updates,
Tips & Tricks
SWIFT/Prospector
Updates & Best
Practices

Participant Feedback

Results based on post-event survey

We had 87 survey responses, a 46% 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...

“When speaking to other libraries, I learned the challenges we are facing with staffing were not ours alone.”

“Having a better understanding of how to create guidelines/policies.”

“I loved talking with others about what works well with each community.”

“Broadening library service at my library, generating new ideas, and keeping me motivated.”

“Library of things-- we can expand this to make our catalogue more relevant to our patrons!”

“Making sure everyone feels represented in my community.”

“I loved how more of us than I realized are trying to up our Readers' Advisory game and it was fun to practice what I've been working on.”

“I have a better idea how AspenCat connects us and simplifies our workload.”

Participant Feedback

Part Three

Glenwood
Springs

"I connected with so many new library professionals I've never talked to before. I am energized and inspired by the new ideas and perspectives presented"

"I'm so grateful for this meetup! This is my favorite conference of the year."

Durango

Ft Morgan

"Great conference as always. We always come away with useful information. I never regret closing the library for my staff to attend."

"All presentations were great. Most of all it was great to connect with colleagues and meet new people. This day you give us to connect is so appreciated."

Pueblo

Participant Feedback

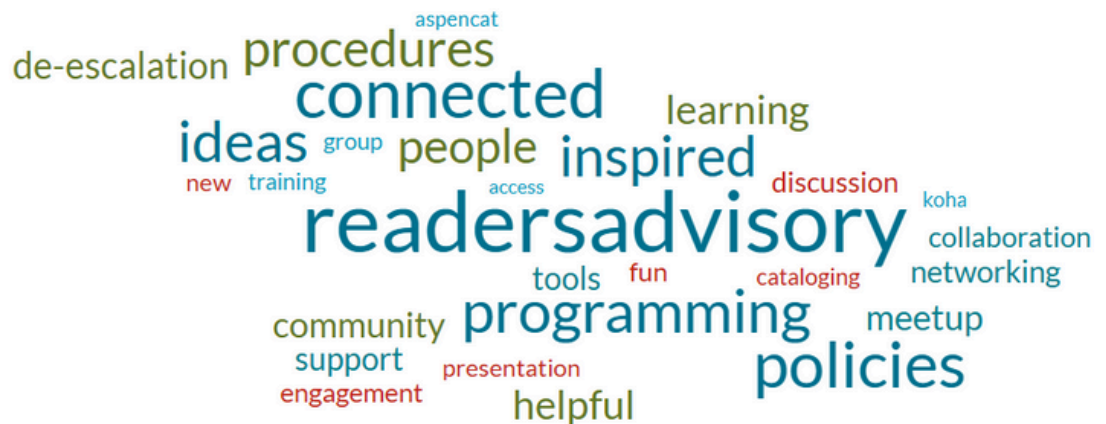
Part Four

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SURVEY RESPONSES

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

The words listed below were taken from 87 survey responses and highlight the most common words used to describe the CLiC & Connect Meetups.



Photos

