1. RESULTS FROM THE RSLC SURVEY: PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION: Statements based on results of the 2016 Rural & Small Libraries Committee (RSLC) Survey - 11/28/2016  Results of entire survey (including public, academic, school & special libraries) found on RSLC Website: ula.org/rural

a. TOTAL RESPONSES: 101  PUBLIC LIBRARIES RESPONSES LISTED BELOW
   i. Data from all libraries can be found at ula.org/rural
b. 43 individuals from public libraries submitted survey responses
   i. Around 2/3 of the respondents are ULA members (c=29, 67%)
   ii. Most came from rural or small libraries (c=39, 91%)
c. The 4 biggest challenges rural and small libraries face are:
   i. Budget: staff and operations (c=29, 67%)
   ii. Space: materials and programs (c=29, 67%)
   iii. Programming: attendance, quality, staff time (c=23, 54%)
   iv. Training: expense, distance, effectiveness (c=16, 37%)
d. The top 4 ways in which people currently receive training are:
   i. Webinars: real-time or archived (c=38, 88%)
   ii. In-person training: outside local area (c=28, 65%)
   iii. In-person training: local area (c=27, 63%)
   iv. Internet research: online databases, publications, YouTube (c=27, 63%)
e. The top 4 ways people prefer to receive training are:
   i. Webinars: real-time or archived (c=32, 75%)
   ii. In-person training: local area (c=30, 70%)
   iii. In-person training: outside local area (c=29, 67%)
   iv. ULA Conference (c=23, 54%)
f. The top 4 obstacles that influence participation in training are:
   i. Time: balancing work duties and training opportunities (c=38, 88%)
   ii. Budget for staff: payroll costs for staff to attend training or to replace trainee’s absence (c=36, 84%)
   iii. Budget for training and travel: funds to register for and attend the training (c=31, 72%)
   iv. Distance: transportation arrangements or don’t like to travel (c=26, 61%)
g. The top 4 broad categories of training people need help with are:
   i. Programming: children, teens, adults (c=26, 61%)
   ii. Advocacy, marketing & outreach (c=25, 54%)
   iii. Technology and digital literacy (c=24, 56%)
   iv. Collaboration with other libraries, schools, businesses (c=19, 44%)
h. 19 individuals had interest in helping with the RSL Committee move forward. 13 are ULA members and 6 are not