

## Training for the future of libraries...

The Mortenson Center holds a unique place in the world of libraries. Since 1992, the Mortenson Center has developed innovative training programs for public, academic, and special librarians from all over the world. Mortenson training programs seek to strengthen ties between international librarians and libraries for the promotion of international peace, education and understanding, which remains our core mission today.

More than 1200 librarians from over 90 countries have participated in the Mortenson Center's programs, ranging from our signature Associates Program--an intensive three-week professional development program held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, to on-site workshops and training in our partner organizations' home countries, to conference talks and our Distinguished Lecture series held each year.

The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs is situated on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, home to the largest public university library in North America and a student enrollment of over 44,000.



Leadership Training

**For more information about  
Mortenson Center projects, the  
latest news, and to see where we  
are working, visit our website:  
<http://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson>**



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*developing  
librarians  
worldwide*

## The Mortenson Experience

The Mortenson Center offers training and professional development opportunities through its signature Associates Program in June, and also customized training programs tailored to meet the unique needs of our international partners.



Mortenson Associates at OCLC

## US Associates Program

Our three-week, non-degree program held each June focuses on developing library and information science professionals into library leaders and innovators. Associates will:

- Learn about novel and innovative library services and practices
- Have the opportunity to explore and talk about current trends and issues in the field
- Network with international colleagues and experts
- Tour US libraries putting ideas into action
- Cultivate an understanding of diverse communication and leadership styles they can share with their home libraries

More information about the program is available at [www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson](http://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson)

**Mortenson trainees report  
100% overall satisfaction with  
their Mortenson Center training  
experience.**

"The Mortenson Center training was customized to each attendee's needs...it wasn't a generic, one-size-fits-all training. For me, that's the greatest thing about the Mortenson Center training. If you had a special interest, the staff did everything in their power to ensure that your needs were met..."

Associates Program Participant

## In-Country Tailored Training Programs

Mortenson Center staff members plan, administer, and deliver customized training programs for partner institutions and organizations worldwide.

Examples of past programs include:

- Strengthening research libraries in East and West Africa
- Developing Library Leaders and Innovators program for public libraries in Latvia and Romania
- Train the Trainers program for public libraries in Myanmar
- Developing leadership programs for library associations



Visiting a Bookmobile in Myanmar



Graduation Ceremony

## After the training programs...

- Over 50% of Mortenson librarians reported taking on new leadership roles
- 79% of librarians feel more prepared to take on leadership roles and additional responsibility in their libraries and professional organizations
- 63% have introduced a new service, tool, or resource at their library



Mortenson Staff at Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria