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User Response

“This guide really empowered us to take the information from Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public Libraries and translate it for our community and our library. After reading Rising to the Challenge, there was enthusiasm for how we could apply this locally, but the task seemed overwhelming. The Action Guide broke it down into smaller, manageable steps, leaving no excuse but to execute!”

— Gretchen Pruett, New Braunfels Public Library, New Braunfels, TX

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GETTING STARTED

The Dialogue on Public Libraries offers a series of action steps for getting started. These action steps are addressed to policy makers. They are recommendations for actions that offer a starting point for change.

**Action Steps for Policy Makers**

**Use the authority** of office to bring together community stakeholders to create a comprehensive strategic plan for the library and other knowledge institutions in the community.

**Define** libraries as part of the community’s priority infrastructure along with other established infrastructure priorities such as schools, transportation and parks, and make sustainable, long-term funding that reflects the library’s value to the community a budget priority.

**Develop** strategic alliances and partnerships with local library leaders to advance educational, economic and social goals.

**Leverage** the economic development potential of the public library as a community platform.

**Integrate** librarians and state library agencies into development planning and policy making in all departments and at all levels of government.

**Review** state-level policies that affect the public library’s ability to transform itself for the future.

**Support** and accelerate deployment of broadband, including high-speed, scalable broadband, to all libraries.

**Develop** local, state and national plans to address digital readiness, and promote the deployment of wireless hotspots in libraries and other public places, especially in economically disadvantaged and minority communities where there are fewer Wi-Fi hotspots to access the library’s platform anytime, anywhere.

**Support** rural and small libraries to ensure that all residents have access to world-class resources regardless of where they live.

**Strategies for Success**

1. Align library services in support of community goals.
2. Provide access to content in all formats.
3. Ensure long-term sustainability of public libraries.
4. Cultivate leadership.

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