

# Libraries as Partners in Engagement Around Housing

Handout for November 29, 2018 Learning Network Session

Familiar roles for libraries:

- Meeting space
- Good location for flyers

In Fall 2017, Home for All hosted informational dialogues at ten libraries around San Mateo County. Those sessions confirmed that libraries were a good location for education and constructive dialogue about housing. In 2018 Home for All pilot cities partnered with libraries for these additional purposes:

- Help reach a more diverse cross section of the community
- Provide “mutual learning” between City and community:
  - What are community members’ starting points
  - What is the City doing about housing

City	How the library helped with community engagement in 2018	Other things this library can do (with enough advance notice)
<b>Burlingame</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space and support for afternoon intercept interviews</li> <li>• Access to Newcomers Conversation Classes</li> <li>• Flyers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Book Bike” outreach during community events</li> <li>• Host small community discussions</li> <li>• Co-schedule pop-ups during popular programs</li> </ul>
<b>Half Moon Bay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice on best times to reach different kinds of community members</li> <li>• Space for pop-ups and intercept interviews</li> <li>• Bi-lingual flyers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informational displays with background information</li> <li>• Bi-lingual staff able to help with outreach and pop-ups</li> </ul>
<b>Portola Valley</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poster and flyers at library for community conversation</li> <li>• Guidance about how to reach busy parents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informational displays with background information</li> <li>• Outreach in community and at events</li> <li>• Arrange for bi-lingual staff to help with outreach and pop-ups (e.g., with caregivers)</li> <li>• Staff interested in being trained as facilitators</li> </ul>

<b>Redwood City</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participated in partner planning discussion with RWC 2020</li><li>• Co-hosted Latino leaders meeting</li><li>• Publicized &amp; co-hosted first community conversation April 11</li><li>• Helped plan and staff bi-lingual pop-ups at multiple library storytimes plus church locations</li><li>• Helped debrief outreach efforts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth engagement opportunities</li><li>• Able to help host smaller meetings in targeted neighborhoods</li><li>• Staff interested in being trained as facilitators</li></ul> <hr/>
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