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

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<th>How the library helped with community engagement in 2018</th>
<th>Other things this library can do (with enough advance notice)</th>
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<td>Burlingame</td>
<td>• Space and support for afternoon intercept interviews • Access to Newcomers Conversation Classes • Flyers</td>
<td>• “Book Bike” outreach during community events • Host small community discussions • Co-schedule pop-ups during popular programs</td>
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<td>Half Moon Bay</td>
<td>• Advice on best times to reach different kinds of community members • Space for pop-ups and intercept interviews • Bi-lingual flyers</td>
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<td>Portola Valley</td>
<td>• Poster and flyers at library for community conversation • Guidance about how to reach busy parents</td>
<td>• Informational displays with background information • Outreach in community and at events • Arrange for bi-lingual staff to help with outreach and pop-ups (e.g., with caregivers) • Staff interested in being trained as facilitators</td>
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| Redwood City | • Participated in partner planning discussion with RWC 2020  
• Co-hosted Latino leaders meeting  
• Publicized & co-hosted first community conversation April 11  
• Helped plan and staff bi-lingual pop-ups at multiple library storytimes plus church locations  
• Helped debrief outreach efforts | • Youth engagement opportunities  
• Able to help host smaller meetings in targeted neighborhoods  
• Staff interested in being trained as facilitators |