

Working Together for Our Communities: Towns and Libraries as Partners in Community-Wide Initiatives

Working Together

- Community Needs Assessments – Town Planning
- Community-Wide Initiatives – town plan, community celebrations, community revitalization, taskforces, block parties, etc.
- Research Assistance & Information Dissemination

How Libraries Benefit Your Community: A Short List

- Community Hub – bringing the entire community together
- Vital to a functioning democracy
- Space for hosting meetings (some more than others!)
- Help your taxpayers connect with local government
- Ultimate renewable resource
- ROI – Library Value Calculator: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/library-value-calculator>

Vermont Examples: Towns and Libraries Working Together

- Barnet Public Library (Caledonia County): Town Wide Garage Sale
 - <http://barnetpubliclibrary.com/>
- Barton Public Library (Orleans County): Community Gardens
 - <http://barton-public-library.org/>
- Blake Memorial Library (Corinth – Orange County): Water
 - <https://blakememorial.org/>
- Brownell Library (Essex Junction – Chittenden County): Train Hop
 - <http://www.essexrec.org/essex-junction-train-hop-and-tree-lighting-126.html>
 - <https://brownelllibrary.org/>
- Castleton Free Library (Rutland County): Castleton Day Celebration
 - <https://www.castletonvermont.org/home/events/26244>
 - <http://www.castletonfreelibrary.org/>
- Dorset Village Public Library (Bennington County): Halloween, Dance Parties, Millennials Group, Dog Days
 - <http://dorsetvillagelibrary.org/>
- Enosburgh Public Library (Franklin County): Enosburgh Falls Vital Village
 - <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ced100d1b6ff4b61aa16dd51ebc2637>
 - <https://enosburghlibrary.net/>
- Fletcher Free Library (Burlington – Chittenden County): Community Partners Desk & Weekly Safety Meeting
 - <https://www.fletcherfree.org/>
 - <https://www.fletcherfree.org/content/news>
- Grand Isle County Libraries: Grand Isle/Champlain Islands Job Fair
 - Alburgh Public Library – <http://www.alburghpl.org/>
 - North Hero Public Library – <http://northherolibrary.org/>
 - Grand Isle Free Library – <https://grandislefreelibraryvt.wordpress.com/>
 - Worthen Library (South Hero) - <https://southherolibrary.org/>

- Jaquith Public Library (Marshfield – Washington County): Summer Concert Series & Harvest Festival
 - <https://www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org/programs-and-events.html>
 - <https://www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org/>
- Lanpher Memorial Library (Hyde Park – Lamoille County): Connect Hyde Park VT
 - <https://www.lanpherlibrary.org/connect-hyde-park-vt.html>
 - <https://www.connecthydeparkvt.org/>
 - <https://www.lanpherlibrary.org/>
- Martha Canfield Memorial Library (Arlington – Bennington County): Arlington Area Renewal Project
 - <https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonAreaRenewalProject/>
 - <https://www.marthacanfieldlibrary.org/>
- Norwich Public Library (Windsor County): Community Conversations & E-Bike Initiative
 - <https://vermonthistory.org/calendar/community-conversations-20th-century-development-and-progress-norwich>
 - <https://www.norwichlibrary.org/ebikes/>
 - <https://www.norwichlibrary.org/>
- Westford Public Library (Chittenden County): Crosswalk
 - <https://westfordpubliclibrary.wordpress.com/>
- Whitingham Free Public Library (Windham County): Blueberry Festival & Composting Workshops
 - <http://townofwhitingham-vt.org/library/announcements/jacksonville-blueberry-festival-street-market>
 - <http://townofwhitingham-vt.org/library>
- Bringing Local Businesses Together
 - Pierson Library (Shelburne – Chittenden County) and Shelburne Business & Professional Association:
 - <https://www.sbpavt.com/>
 - <http://www.piersonlibrary.org/>
 - Island Pond Public Library (Essex County): <https://www.facebook.com/Island-Pond-Public-Library-129739257046362/>
 - Orwell Free Library (Addison County): <https://orwellfreelibrary.org/>



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