

Workshop #4: Community Voices: Partnering for Accessibility and Inclusion in Library Planning

Activity Worksheet #2



Directions:

1. Those who had roles before will continue in them.
 - a. A Community Services Librarian
 - b. A Library Director
 - c. A Library Aide
 - d. 1-2 representatives from relevant local disabilities organizations (e.g., group serving the blind, autism support group, wounded veterans group)
 - e. 1-2 patrons with disabilities. Each player should try to put themselves into the mind of their role and communicate accordingly. Choose a recorder to record and present the outcomes of the role play.
2. Each player receives information about their role as it continues in this play. The roles should not be shared with anyone until after the role play is completed.
3. As you're observing the role-play, the rest of you will complete activity worksheet #2. It contains a description of the situation and the information needed by the librarian (who is leading the meeting).

Regroup after 20 minutes to discuss the role play.

Scenario:

The library hosts an initial meeting with 1-2 representatives from a local disability organization and 1-2 patrons with disabilities. In this meeting, the Outreach Librarian's goal is to initiate a partnership to provide outreach services to patrons with disabilities.

In this activity, the Outreach Librarian, Library Director, and Library Aid will ask a series of questions to determine what outreach programs and services they could collaborate on and if the community partner would be a good match with your library.

Remember, this is an initial first meeting, so both sides will be "testing the waters," so to speak. The representatives and patrons with disabilities will be "interviewing" the library as much as the librarians will be interviewing them.

Roles:

1. Library Director
2. Community Service Librarian
3. Library Aide
4. 1st Representative
5. 2nd Representative

The Library Questions:

1. What are you most concerned about in the community?
2. What are some changes that you'd like to see?
3. What is your experience with this library?
4. What can we do to help advance your goals?

Organization/Patron Questions:

1. What is your goal for this outreach program?
2. Why did you choose a local disability organization to partner with?
3. Are you familiar with ADA guidelines?
4. How much of a time commitment are you looking for?