

SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Our library has successfully partnered with:

- Schools
- Daycares
- Businesses
- Service Clubs
- Local cultural/recreational groups
- Nursing homes

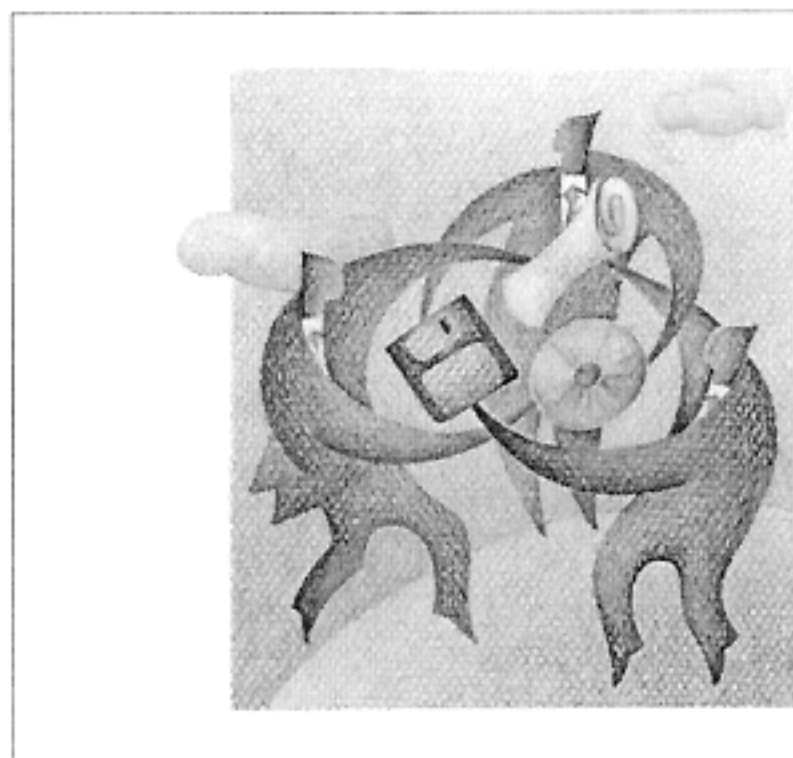
What do municipal politicians and staff expect the public library to do in regards to community development?

- The library should be creating programming and partnerships that promote the core values stated in the municipality's strategic plan.
- Provide local groups with assistance in their efforts to enhance our community.

LIBRARY BOARD MUST BE COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Library Board has an important role to play in the "community development" business. The Board must :

- Be representative of the various groups in your community.
- Be active participants in community life.
- Work as a team with each member having a role to play.
- Be proactive in establishing that they



Working together for our community.

- have a role to play in the development of the community.
- Remain focused on the core values outlined in the library's strategic plan.
- Provide library staff with the resources needed to successfully complete partnerships.

INTERNET RESOURCES ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Check out the PowerPoint presentation "Redefining Library Boards for Dynamic Communities" by Ken Haycock at http://www.kenhaycock.com/media/ppt/Community_Development.ppt.

The Community Partnership Toolkit, funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, has information on developing community partnerships. Though it doesn't deal specifically with libraries, the information is helpful and may generate new ideas in your community.

The website address is <http://www.wkkf.org/Pubs/CustomPubs/CPtoolkit/cptoolkit/Introduction.htm>.