# GREAT EXPECTATIONS

INITIATING OUTCOME-BASED PROGRAMMING & EVALUATION

# Hastings Highlands Centre HH Public Library/Gymnasium/Municipal Office







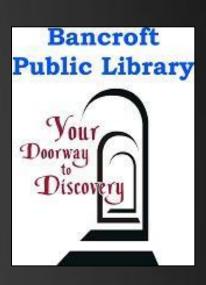
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# OUTCOMES SERVICES & PROGRAMS

EXPECT you know the real problem? Understanding the real issues...

### The Five Steps

- 1. Gathering Information
- 2. Determining Outcomes
- 3. Designing Programs & Services
- 4. Evaluating Programs & Services
- 5. Sharing Results



# GATHERING INFORMATION

Environmental Scan - EXPECT to be surprised!

#### PROOF OF THE PERSONAL KIND







**OUTPUTS** 

**OUTCOMES** 

#### WHERE & HOW DO WE GATHER INFO?

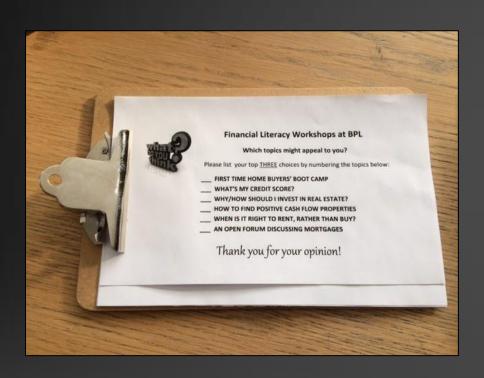
- Inside & Outside the Library
- Formally & Informally
- Users & Non-Users

#### Sources

- Census data
- A Needs Assessment
- Surveys/Focus Groups/Ask at the desk



#### Data Mining Methods & Sources



#### Other resources to consider:

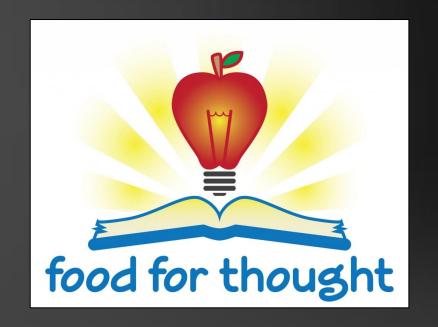
- staff & board meetings
- one-on-one interviews
- local partner organizations
- sample testing
- observation

Note: For best results use two or more methods to corroborate your findings

#### Community Assessment is Important

- 1. Identify potential partners and competitors
- 2. Remain curious and pose questions
- 3. Create a hypothesis and test new ideas

Find the blend of 'Street Science' and Research Methods appropriate for your library



Screenshot from:

http://www.firstpresmacomb.org/mission/food-for-thought/

# DETERMINING OUTCOMES

What are your real EXPECTATIONS?

#### Time for Self-reflection



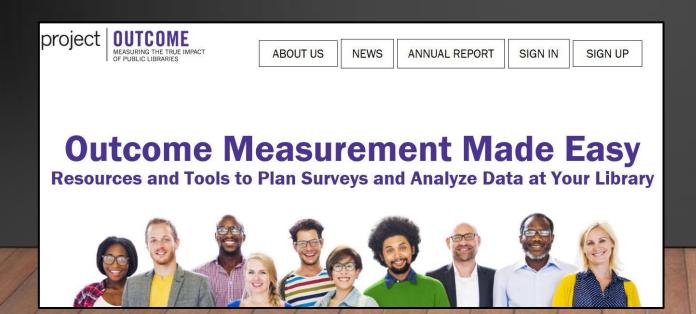
#### Study your library's culture:

- review your mission/vision
- consult strategic plan (?)
- identify indicators for success

#### Standarized Outcome Statements

#### Some examples:

- "Students are able to cite sources at our homework roundtable."
- "Seniors participate in a volunteer reading program."





# DESIGNING PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Performance Measures – Define EXPECTATIONS

#### 19 Minutes...

#### Bancroft

- population 4000+
- hub for essential services
- high school & Loyalist College
- service groups
- older, 2 storey, split-level entry
- largest collection in NH
- CEO collaborative

#### Hastings Highlands

- population 4000+
- LCBO & Library
- K-6 school/University culture
- community groups
- new, barrier free, play space
- highest ILL in NH
- CEO collaborative

#### Asking the Questions







Reading, Rhyming, & Running Around Tuesdays - 10:30 Hastings Highlands Public

Library in Maynooth

#### Plan to Plan

- define objectives
- determine action items
- budget, budget, budget
- partnerships and pitfalls
- share, share, share

Images screenshot from



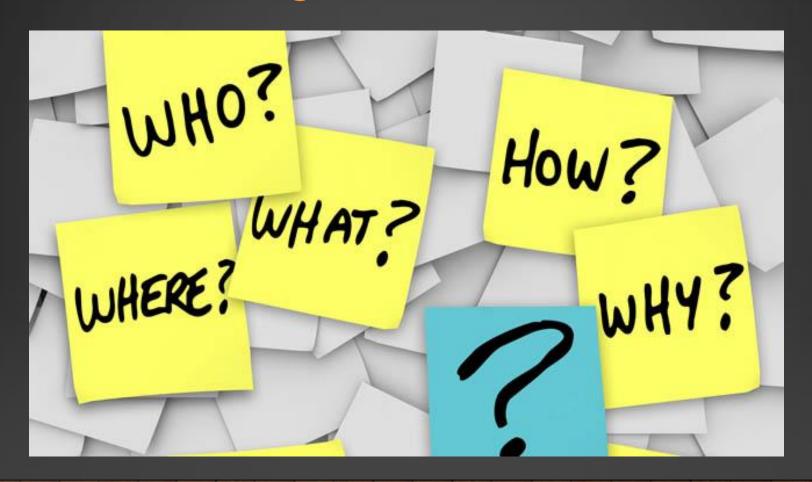
#### The Winner!

In Hastings Highlands four legs and a tail always overshadow food and fun.

# EVALUATING PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Not quite what you EXPECTED?

#### Asking New Questions...



#### Measuring Success

#### AWARD WINNER

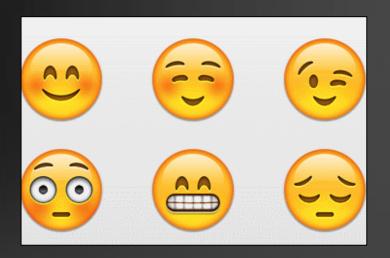
- good attendance & growing
- meeting outcomes
- requests for more
- diversified into another program
- sustainable

#### EPIC FAIL - a learning experience

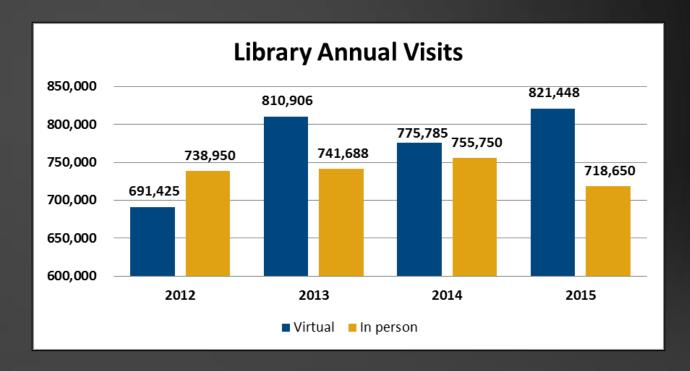
- over/under capacity
- chaos in delivery
- Stakeholder buy-in
- no evaluation, no terms of reference
- bad metrics

#### **Know Your Audience!**

#### Qualitative



#### Quantitative



### SHARING RESULTS

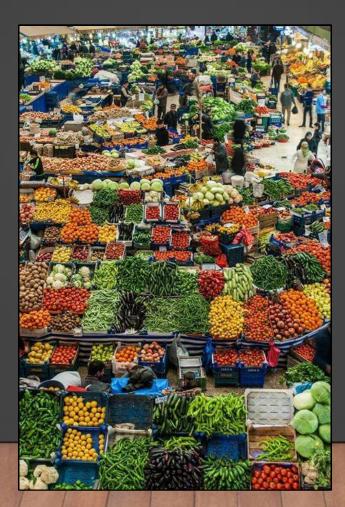
EXPECT Success...

Everyone likes to play on a

Winning Team!

# Growing Stories Bancroft Seed Library







SAVING SEEDS

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO

322 VEGETABLES, HERI FLOWERS, FRUITS, TREES AND SHOW

- Preserve favorite tastes and scents
- Customize your garden plants
- Promote diversity

ROBERT GOUGH AND CHERYL MOORE-GOUGH

#### SIP & KNIT

#### **Bancroft Public Library**

#### **ENJOY A COFFEE, OR TEA WHILE**

KNITTING, CROCHETING OR BRING IN ANY
OTHER WOOL CRAFT

**EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON** 

1:00pm - 3:00pm



Bring your wool, needles and patterns to share and start that cold weather project, or finish last years!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME NO LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP NECESSARY

#### The Stories Continue...



#### A Key Resource



Special thanks to
Kelly Thompson, Chief
Librarian/Library CEO
of Renfrew Public Library
for recommending this resource.

Gross, Melissa, Cindy Mediavilla, and Virginia A. Walter. *Five Steps of Outcome-Based Planning & Evaluation for Public Libraries*. ALA editions, 2016. Print.



#### Sharing Our Stories

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