Community Reference

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| Keys to Community Engagement  * Ask about who they are and what they hope to accomplish * Help them achieve their goals * Share your passion about librarianship! * Don’t be afraid to offer a solution to a problem or an answer to a question | Ways to Get Started  * Interview Community Leaders * Choose one or two places to embed that fit your schedule and fit your resources * Look for return on investment: value based on strongest relationships & greatest return |

# Evaluation Questions:

* Does the group add value to the community through its mission, project or goals?
* Will the library be essential in helping the group achieve their goals or projects?
* Will participating in the group help the library be more visible and valuable to the community?

# Places to embed in your local community:

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| **Town or City Council:** | **Time per month:** | **Other organizations:** | **Time per month:** |
| * Town council meetings | 2-4 hours | * Adult Day Care | 2 hours |
| * Subcommittees | 2 hours | * Senior Centers | 2 hours |
| * Planning committees | 0-2 hours | * Women’s Crisis Center | 2 hours |
| * Economic Development | 2 hours | * Day care centers/providers | 6 hours |
| **Chamber of Commerce:** |  | * Local History societies | 1-2 hours |
| * Chamber Ambassador | 1-2 hours | * Genealogical society | 1-2 hours |
| * Community Events Planning | 1-2 hours | * Arts, Music & Cultural | varies |
| * Business Networking Events | 1-2 hours | * Early Childhood council | varies |
| * Chamber Board of Directors   **Schools:** | 2 hours | * Rotary clubs | 8+ hours |
| * Non-traditional Schools | varies | * Metro Districts | 1-2 hours |
| * School Board | 2 hours | * Master’s Associations | 1 hour |
| * Classrooms/individual teachers | varies | * HOAs | 1 hour |
| * PTA | 2-4 hours | * Water Boards | 2+ hours |