**Learner Guide: Transforming Library Space for Community Engagement** <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/transforming-library-space-for-community-engagement.html>

**Event Description:** As libraries expand their focus from collections to creation, physical spaces are being transformed in ways that enhance community engagement in the digital age. Rethink how your library’s space might be configured to better enable your patrons to interact with technology and with each other. While future-facing libraries are pushing boundaries, the public still perceives libraries as being primarily about books. Learn how some key alterations to existing library space can refresh public perceptions. We’ll look at a variety of projects, ranging from larger room renovations to smaller libraries who redefined space on a modest scale, yet still had a strong impact on the community.

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| **What are your goals for viewing this webinar?** |
| **Personal Goals** |  |
| **Team Goals** |  |

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| **Discussion/Reflection Question 1** |
| What do you want to do with your space? Briefly describe how you would like to change a space in your library (i.e., redecorate, new lighting, makerspace, better teen/children’s, etc.). |
| **Discussion/Reflection Question 2** |
| What do you image a patron or community member would say about their experience at your library as a result of the transformed space? |

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| **Activity 1** |
| We spend so much time in our libraries that we may lose sight of how it appears to patrons and visitors. It helps to ask someone who is not familiar with your library to share their first impressions and help you see your library through fresh eyes. Ask a friend or family member to visit the library and to take note of first impressions, using these questions: What jumps out at you first? Is it a positive impression or not so much?What do you see that you like?* + Are the décor and/or the colors pleasing?
	+ Is the layout welcoming, inviting, etc.?
	+ Are the furnishings comfortable-looking, in good locations or groupings, etc.?

How do you imagine you would enter and move through this space?What do you think can be improved? |
| **Activity 2**  |
| **What are three things that you can do right away at your library to improve the first impressions of your space?**1. 2.3. |
| **Action Plan** (include next steps, who, when, etc.) |
| You have decided to create a community space in your library. What are the 5 first steps you will take to implement your plan? Be sure to use the resources in the Guide: [Transforming Library Spaces for Community Engagement](http://webjunction.org/documents/webjunction/transforming-library-spaces-for-community-engagement.html) |