WMA 2015 Session: “Turning Outward”: Museums and Libraries as Sites for Community Innovation and Revitalization

Selected Resources

- **Institute of Museum and Library Services**: Includes community anchors in its funding criteria in the Museums For America and National Leadership grant programs. According to IMLS, “IMLS promotes the role of museums as essential partners in addressing the needs of their communities by leveraging their expertise, knowledge, physical space, technology, and other resources. These projects strive to create a better quality of life within communities.” IMLS also notes that Community Anchor projects must be viewed as projects that seek to improve some aspect of the lives of the communities they serve. They should benefit the community, involve the community, develop new partnerships or enhance existing partnerships, and in some way be sustainable. Because this is about community partnerships, IMLS recommends that grant proposals include at least two strong letters of support from partnering institutions.
  - [https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/museums-america](https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/museums-america)
  - [https://www.imls.gov/issues/national-issues/community](https://www.imls.gov/issues/national-issues/community)

- IMLS is partnering with the **Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)** to better understand how museums and libraries are working to support comprehensive community revitalization. They are focusing on the ways in which museums and libraries are crucial partners in community development efforts, making a measureable impact in communities.

  ***A new report was released in November 2015: *Museums, Libraries and Comprehensive Initiatives: A First Look at Emerging Experience*, available at [http://www.lisc.org/content/publication/detail/22774](http://www.lisc.org/content/publication/detail/22774)***


- **The Harwood Institute** [http://www.theharwoodinstitute.org/how-to-turn-outward/](http://www.theharwoodinstitute.org/how-to-turn-outward/)

- **Libraries Transforming Communities** [http://www.al.org/transforminglibraries/libraries-transforming-communities](http://www.al.org/transforminglibraries/libraries-transforming-communities)


- **Children’s Museum Pittsburgh Charm Bracelet Project**
  - Publication: [http://press.etc.cmu.edu/content/charm-bracelet-project](http://press.etc.cmu.edu/content/charm-bracelet-project)
  - Web Site: [https://pittsburghkids.org/about/in-the-community/charm-bracelet-project](https://pittsburghkids.org/about/in-the-community/charm-bracelet-project)
• **Building Sustainable Neighborhoods: The 2007 Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence**
  This publication recognized the work of the Children’s Museum Pittsburgh with a Gold Medal, and noted that “Children’s Museum Pittsburgh’s leadership role in the community makes it different from most other children’s museums in the country.”

• **The Wallace Foundation** *The Road to Results: Effective Practices for Building Arts Audiences* [http://www.wallacefoundation.org/knowledge-center/audience-development-for-the-arts/strategies-for-expanding-audiences/Pages/The-Road-to-Results-Effective-Practices-for-Building-Arts-Audiences.aspx](http://www.wallacefoundation.org/knowledge-center/audience-development-for-the-arts/strategies-for-expanding-audiences/Pages/The-Road-to-Results-Effective-Practices-for-Building-Arts-Audiences.aspx)


• **The James Irvine Foundation** Engaging in the Arts initiatives [https://www.irvine.org/arts/what-were-learning](https://www.irvine.org/arts/what-were-learning)

• **American Planning Association** *How Arts and Cultural Strategies Enhance Community Engagement and Participation* [https://www.planning.org/research/arts/briefingpapers/engagement.htm](https://www.planning.org/research/arts/briefingpapers/engagement.htm)


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