

PULL YOUR SHELF TOGETHER

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING IN LIBRARIES

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WHAT IS COMMUNITY ORGANIZING?

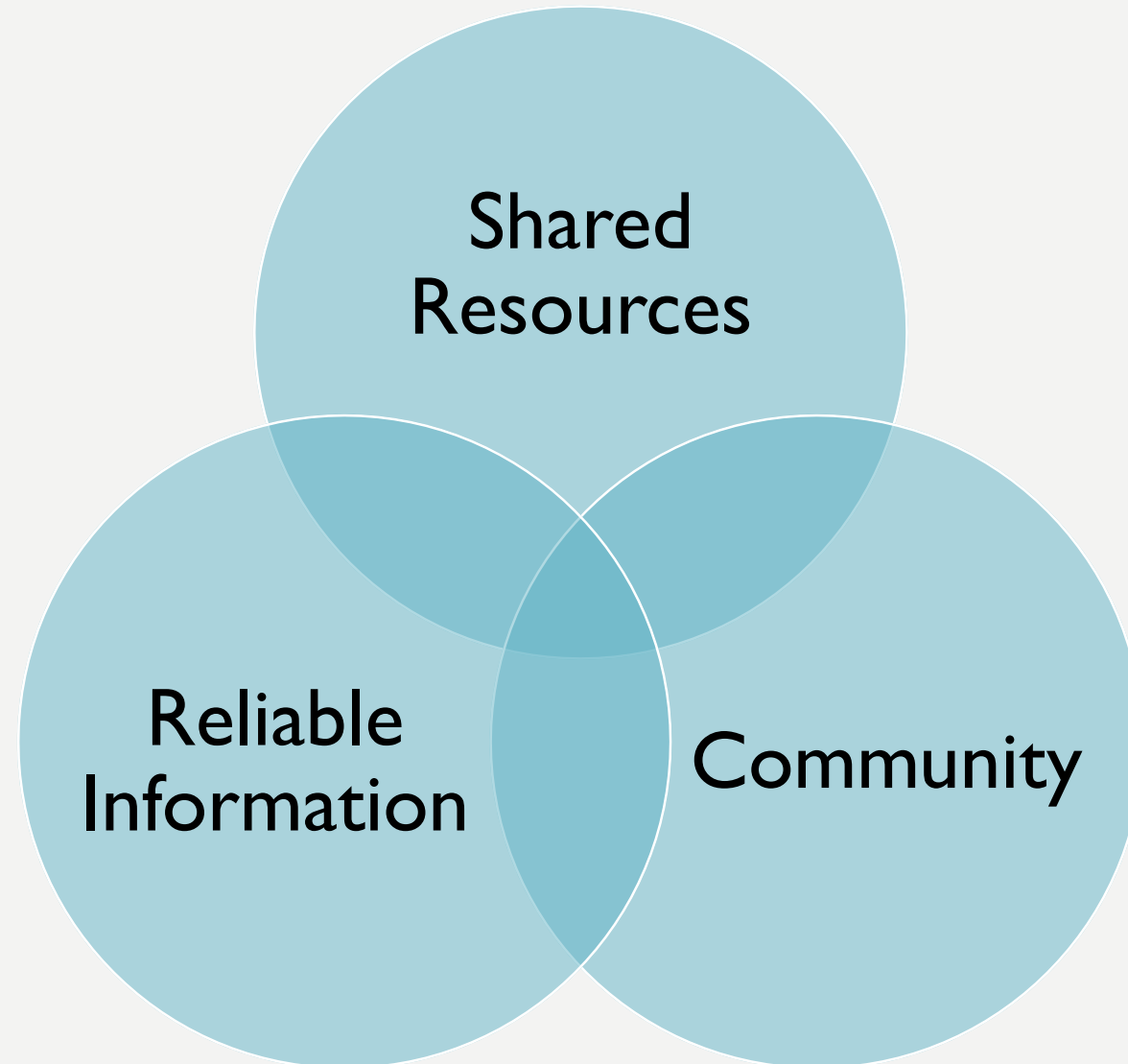
COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Noun

the coordination of cooperative efforts and campaigning carried out by local residents to build collective power in order to promote the interests of their community.

”tenants in the tenant’s association are now empowered to demand heat and hot water in the winter through community organizing”

WHY LIBRARIES?



HOW DO WE APPLY THIS IN LIBRARIES?





FRAMING THE PROBLEM

HOW TO FRAME THE PROBLEM

To frame a problem, you should begin by asking these questions:

- What is the issue?
- Who is involved?
- What contributing factors have created the problem?
- What resources do you have that can contribute to the solution?

EASY LIBRARY RESOURCES TO OFFER



Trust

Staff

Space



SALS - Pember Library and Museum



SETTING UP STRUCTURES

MAKE A PLAN

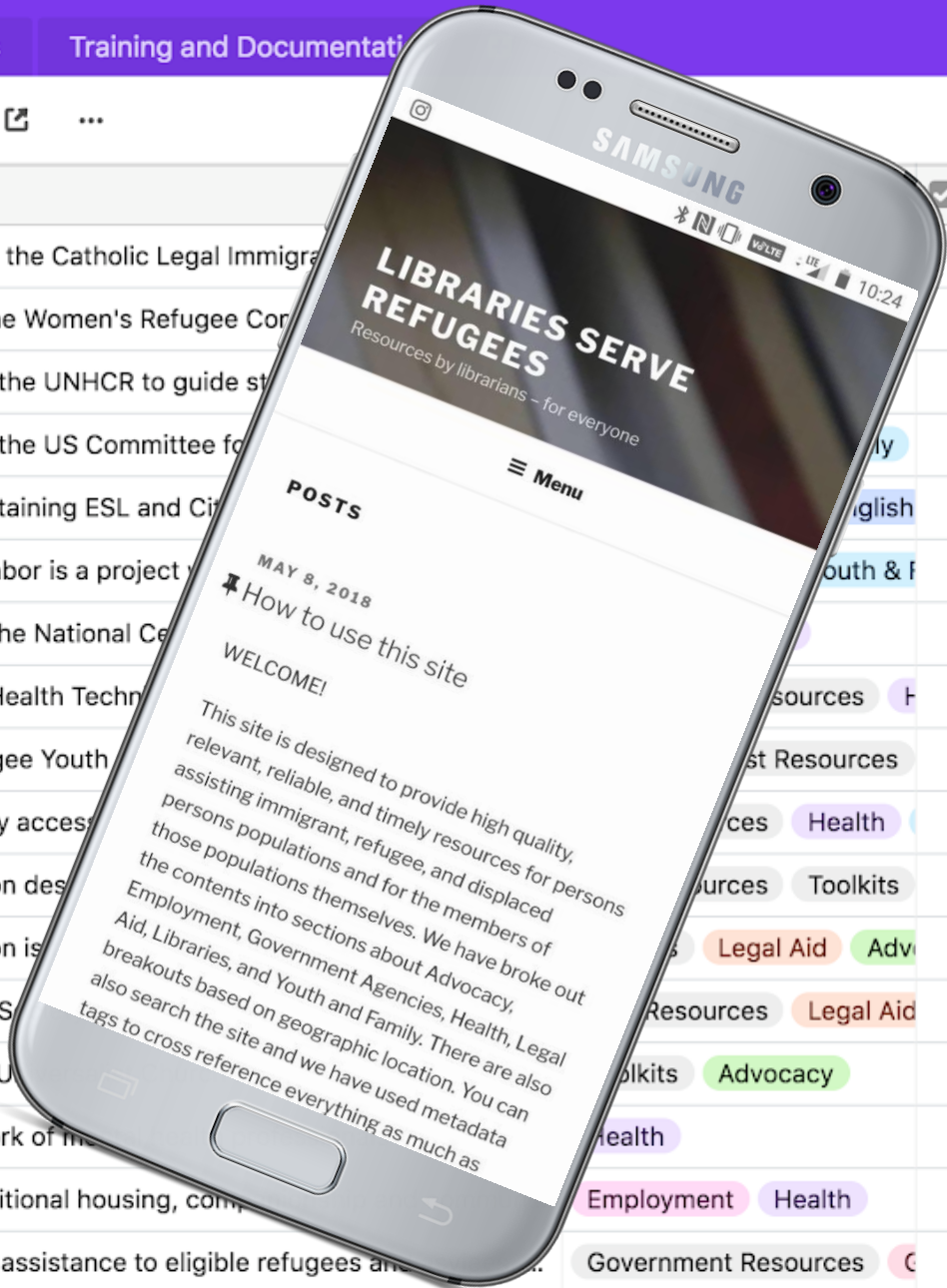


DIGESTIBLE TASKS





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1	Asylee Eligibility for Resettlement Assistance	https://www.acf.hhs.gov/...	Brochure from the Catholic Legal Immigra	✓
2	Disability Inclusion: Translating Policy into Practice i...	https://www.womensrefu...	Report from the Women's Refugee Cor	✓
3	Working with Persons with Disabilities in Forced Dis...	http://www.unhcr.org/4ec...	Developed by the UNHCR to guide st	✓
4	Resource Guide for Serving Refugees with Disabiliti...	https://refugees.org/wp-...	Developed by the US Committee fo	✓
5	Welcome to America: A Multimedia Resource Guide...	http://guides.worcpublic...	A libguide containing ESL and Ci	✓
6	I'm Your Neighbor Books	http://www.imyourneighb...	I'm Your Neighbor is a project y	✓
7	"PTSD in Refugees," Elisa E. Bolton, PhD	http://www.ptsd.va.gov/p...	Published by the National Ce	✓
8	Refugee Health Technical Assistance Center	http://refugeehealthta.org/	The Refugee Health Techn	✓
9	Bridging Refugee Youth and Children's Services	http://www.brycs.org/	Bridging Refugee Youth	✓
10	Refugee Portal at Bridging Refugee Youth and Child...	http://www.brycs.org/ref...	Quick and easy acces	✓
11	ICE Raids in New York: Get Informed and Know Your...	http://www.maketheroad...	This publication des	✓
12	ICE Raids Toolkit - Defend Against ICE Raids & Com...	https://www.immdefense...	This publication is	✓
13	Legal Aid Society Advisory on President Trump's Ex...	http://legal-aid.org/en/civ...	The Legal Aid S	✓
14	Unitarian Universalist Sanctuary Movement and Loc...	http://www.uua.org/immi...	The Unitarian U	✓
15	Intercultural Counseling Connection	http://www.interculturalc...	Referral network of in	✓
16	Asylee Women Enterprises	http://www.asyleewomen...	Provides transitional housing, com	✓
17	Michigan DHHS Refugee Assistance Program	http://www.michigan.gov/...	Provides cash assistance to eligible refugees and	✓
18	St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Services	http://stvcc.org/services/...	St. Vincent Catholic Charities helps resettle refugees in th...	✓





**GETTING
PEOPLE MOVING**

COMMUNICATING YOUR NEEDS



GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO DO

- Ask a specific person to do each task
- Schedule a time to do it
- Follow up a few times



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ALWAYS BE FOLLOWING
UP

SAYING THANK YOU



Thank You!

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