The Wisconsin Libraries Transforming Communities (WLTC) program is designed to create resilient, thriving communities and libraries. To do so requires a significant commitment.

During this 18-month, project-based program, participants will attend four in-person sessions, and commit between 3-10 hours (more time-intensive at the start of the program) per week to the practice of:

- Community engagement and organizing
- Partnership building
- Short and long-term project development
- Resource leveraging for widespread, sustained impact

Two-person teams will be applying for the Team training program and completing this commitment letter. Teams will consist of one public library staff person and one community member, who may not be a Library Trustee. Each two-person team will implement a community project together. Teams will participate in:

(1) a weekly phone 15-30 minute call with their team coach,
(2) a monthly, hour-long virtual training with the entire cohort, and
(3) a monthly hour-long call with the entire cohort.

Teams will attend one four-day in-person training and three two-day in-person trainings. Training dates are set for:

- April 18-21, 2020 in Madison, WI
  - WLTC pre-conference begins at 1 PM on 4/18/20 and runs through midday 4/19/20
  - The Lead the Way: Libraries at the Heart of Community Engagement starts the morning of Monday, 4/20 and runs through noon on Tuesday, 4/21
    - Both the WLTC pre-con and the conference itself are part of the WLTC training
- September 10-11, 2020 (location TBD)
- March 25-26, 2021 (location TBD)
- July 15-16, 2021 (location TBD)

There is no cost for the training sessions or resources. Mileage to in-person sessions is reimbursable by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction when participants complete and sign a form at the in-person sessions. Team members are expected to carpool when possible.

Through work with WLTC, each Team’s library and community will experience and realize a partner-led project designed to have greater relevance for a community they are seeking to engage. The library staff person who participates will also gain a stronger Wisconsin library network and the skills to replicate such projects for their institution in the future. The community member will gain a wider understanding of their community and stronger relationships with the people within it.
Will you commit to catalyzing positive change in partnership with your library and your community by supporting your employee’s work with the Wisconsin Libraries Transforming Communities program?

To be completed by library staff member’s supervisor/Board of Trustees:

☐ Yes, ___________________________________(library participant) can expend 3-10 work hours per week and attend 4 in-person trainings over 18 months to commit to the work of community engagement, partnership building, and project development required by participation in the Wisconsin Libraries Transforming Communities program.

_________________________________________          _______________________________
Signature                                                 Email Address

To be completed by library staff member:

☐ Yes, I ___________________________________(library participant) agree to expend 3-10 work hours per week and attend 4 in-person trainings over 18 months to commit to the work of community engagement, partnership building, and project development required by participation in the Wisconsin Libraries Transforming Communities program.

_________________________________________
Signature

To be completed by community member:

☐ Yes, I ___________________________________(community participant) agree to expend 3-10 work hours per week and attend 4 in-person trainings over 18 months to commit to the work of community engagement, partnership building, and project development required by participation in the Wisconsin Libraries Transforming Communities program.

_________________________________________
Signature

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