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## [ HOLDING SPACE ]

A national conversation series with libraries



#### GOALS

□ pay attention to under-recognized libraries

**position libraries as community conveners** 

connect libraries with elected leaders

□ cultivate library advocates





#### **OUTCOMES**

- ✓ Libraries: national audience for their and partners' local success
- ✓ ALA: value of membership, connection with decisionmakers
- ✓ **Electeds:** Positive PR in social and traditional media
- ✓ Everyone: stronger relationships at every level



### Build up trust to break down silos.

- Identify a common need.
- Do an environmental scan: what's happening in the community?
- Take local conditions seriously
- Consult with local communications professionals/volunteers
- Get off email and get on the phone/Teams
- Share the knowledge: make a list to align expectations

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