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SMALL GROUP WORK ACTIVITY
WHY TODAY? CHALLENGES FOR TOMORROW
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION (CES) #1

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016 • 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. • PARK PLACE

Instructions:

Each group should select a recorder and a facilitator/spokesperson. The recorder is responsible for completing the information requested on the worksheet printed on color paper and located in the center of the table. Be sure to complete the information in the box in the upper right corner of the activity sheet. This activity sheet will be collected at the conclusion of the session.

The facilitator/spokesperson should facilitate discussions and keep the group focused to complete the work in the allotted time. At the end of the session the facilitator/spokesperson from each table will be asked to report his/her group's information.

Please make sure the information recorded on the group’s work activity reflects the *collective thought/decision or general agreement* of everyone at the table, not just the opinion of one or two individuals.

ACTIVITY

TASK #1: CELEBRATE • SURPRISE • CONCERN

A. CELEBRATE

Take some time to discuss with members of your group about what Crystal Lake Public Library is doing right—what the Library is doing “well”—to serve the Crystal Lake community. Maybe think of it in terms of completing this statement: “We are proud of our Library because _____.”

Based on the information provided in the presentation, what was the greatest **surprise** for your group?

B. GREATEST SURPRISE: _____

What **concerned** your group the most?

TASK #1: CELEBRATE • SURPRISE • CONCERN (CONTINUED)

C. GREATEST CONCERN: _____

TASK #2: STRATEGIC TOPIC AREAS — QUESTIONS/ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES

There are three strategic topic areas scheduled to be examined in the upcoming *FOCUS* workshop series. To make those sessions most relevant to you we need you to tell us the key **questions, issues and opportunities** that should be addressed in each of these sessions.

Please use the space provided to tell us what we need to address in each of these workshop sessions. What are the strengths in each of the areas that the Library should build upon in the future? What are the weaknesses in each area that need to be addressed in planning for the future of the Crystal Lake Public Library?

STRATEGIC TOPIC AREA	QUESTIONS/ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES TO BE ADDRESSED FOR LIBRARY PLANNING
<p>CES-2: <i>Are We Future Ready?</i></p> <p>The focus will be on site comparison study and its conclusion as well as what other libraries are offering, what is possible now and in the future.</p>	<p>Does the Library have the tools and infrastructure to have what it takes to be ready for the future?</p>

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<p><i>CES-3: Our Facility: Does Form Follow Function?</i></p> <p>The focus will be on the current state of our facility and what would be needed to serve the community.</p>	<p>What are the functions that the Library serves today and will be expected to serve in the future? Does the current facility support these functions? What would it look like for “form to follow” Library functions now and into the future?</p>
<p><i>CES-4: What About the Money?</i></p> <p>The focus would be on the cost of building a new Library and the cost of keeping the current facility operating.</p>	<p>What would a new fully functional Library cost? What would it cost to repair the current facility? What would it cost to “do nothing?”</p>

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