PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS: LIBRARY EMPOWERMENT
Worksheet #6

You have looked at your community. You have assessed your library’s contributions to the community’s success as well as the needs the library cannot fully meet. It’s time to think about taking these ideas back and putting them to work.

1. What’s the first thing I can do back home?

2. Who will I share these ideas with?

3. Name one community partner that the library can begin working with? How will I get started?
PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Worksheet #7

How does your community view the library? How have those in your community assess your library’s contributions to the community’s current state? Here are ideas for communities to consider.

1. **Who are the players?** Who in your community should be advocating? Which community groups are important to the Initiative?

2. **How can the community organize?** What are the resources and training necessary for the community to be able to carry the message?

3. **How do we get their attention?** What strategies should be used to engage and motivate our community speakers?

4. **How do we get them to act?** What strategies should be used to empower community members to speak out for libraries?

5. **How do we move this forward?** What messages would be most valuable to garner our community’s participation?