



ASPIRATIONS

Talk about aspirations and find common ground for working with others:

Take a moment to focus on your community aspirations and to identify next steps you want in creating change. Add your aspirations, challenges, and the new conditions to create in the spaces provided below. Use this on your own and then try it in a group setting—check out the Aspirations Facilitator’s Guide to help in leading an aspirations conversation: ala.org/LTC

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My aspirations for my community are:

CHALLENGES

The challenges we face in reaching these aspirations are:

NEW CONDITIONS

The changes needed in my community to reach our aspirations are:

(continued on the back)





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Create a story for your community. Describe the key insights from the first page as a single word or phrase. Write down that word or phrase in the corresponding sentence below to create your story. Use this story as a reminder of your goals and share it with others.

My community aspirations.

My hope is to live in a community where (aspirations).

However, right now we face (challenges).

In order to get there as a community, we need to
(new conditions, change).

HOW TO MAKE IT WORK

- 1 Post this at work or at home. Remind yourself to refer back to it.
Ask yourself: Am I focused on my aspirations?
- 2 Share this exercise with others to find common ground—with your co-workers, at your place of worship, with friends, your PTA, your board, etc.
Ask: How can our efforts reflect these shared aspirations?
- 3 Use these questions with others to begin finding shared community aspirations. Check out the Aspirations Facilitator’s Guide for instructions on how to lead the conversation at ala.org/LTC

Next Step? Look for another “Turning Outward to Lead Change in Your Community” session in the PLA conference scheduler to add to learn additional community engagement skills, or visit the Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC) website www.ala.org/LTC for initiative updates and access to resources that support the work of librarians as community innovators.

