Assessment of Rural Library Professionals' Role in Community Engagement in the Southern and Central Appalachian Region: Mobilization from Change Agents to Community Anchors (CA2CA@SCA-RL)

Interview/Focus Group Guide for Rural Library Staff in the Southern and Central Appalachian Region

[INTRODUCTION]: How long have you been working in a library in the Southern and Central Appalachian region? [Prompt: Where do you work and what are your job responsibilities?]. Tell us about some of your experiences of working in a library in the Southern and Central Appalachian region. Tell us about some of your experiences of working in a library in a rural area. [Prompt: Even if your library is not in a rural area please share your experiences since you might be encountering user communities living in rural areas. Also, you might be aware of efforts that are working in rural communities (or can work in the future)].

EXISTING RURAL LIBRARY ROLES IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Please provide feedback in the following domains of community engagement (i.e., A through L) that are relevant in your experience and your library. We can skip those which are not relevant.

Domain 1: Agriculture/Agricultural Support:
1.1   Describe up to THREE initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to agriculture or agricultural support through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders during the past five years.
1.2   For each initiative (if possible), list any collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.
1.3   What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
1.4   What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Domain 2: Diversity
2.1   Describe up to THREE initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to issues of diversity through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders during the past five years.
2.2   For each initiative (if possible), list the collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.
2.3   What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
2.4   What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Domain 3: Economy
3.1   Describe up to THREE initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to economic issues through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders during the past five years.
3.2   For each initiative (if possible), list the collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.
3.3   What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
3.4   What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Domain 4: Education
4.1   Describe up to THREE initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to education through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders during the past five years.
4.2   For each initiative (if possible), list the collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.
4.3   What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
4.4   What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Domain 5: Environment
5.1 Describe up to THREE initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to environmental issues through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders during the past five years.
5.2 For each initiative (if possible), list the collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.
5.3 What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
5.4 What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Domain 6: Government, Politics, and Public Policy
6.1 Describe up to THREE initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to government, politics, and/or public policy through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders during the past five years.
6.2 For each initiative (if possible), list the collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.
6.3 What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
6.4 What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Domain 7: Health
7.1 Describe up to THREE initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to issues of health through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders during the past five years.
7.2 For each initiative, list the collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.
7.3 What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
7.4 What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Domain 8: Information Technology
8.1 Describe up to THREE initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to information technology through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders related during the past five years.
8.2 For each initiative (if possible), list the collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.
8.3 What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
8.4 What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Domain 9: Law and Justice
9.1 Describe up to THREE initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to issues of law and justice through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders during the past five years.
9.2 For each initiative (if possible), list the collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.
9.3 What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
9.4 What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Domain 10: Manufacturing/Industry
10.1 Describe up to THREE initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to manufacturing or industry through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders during the past five years.
10.2 For each initiative, list the collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.

10.3   What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
10.4   What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Domain 11: Social Welfare
11.1   Describe up to THREE initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to issues of social welfare through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders during the past five years.
11.2   For each initiative (if possible), list the collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.
11.3   What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
11.4   What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Other
- Describe ANY initiatives (virtual or in-person) related to other areas through which your library assisted or engaged with external community stakeholders during the past five years.
- For each initiative (if possible), list the collaborating external community stakeholders (e.g., non-profits organizations, institutions, agencies in the public and private sectors, groups of individuals, etc.) and what role they played in the initiative.
- What were the key challenges in these initiatives?
- What were the key outcomes of these initiatives?

Please provide any additional comments: ___

Thank you for your time and participation!