

## Partnerships and Lifelong Learning

The Library benefits in many ways by collaboration and partnerships. The partnerships enhance the service potential of a library and expand the service area of the library.

Things to think about when developing partnerships:

- Believing partnerships are positive
- Consideration of mutual benefits and goals
- The library enhances the partnership
- Partner understands the expectations of the library
- Consider the library's image and the partnership
- Library maintains authority and defines the partnership
- Potential with the partnership and opportunities to serve our customers
- "Piggy back" on successful programs

Possible Partnerships:

- Local
  - ✓ Y
  - ✓ Rotary
  - ✓ Senior Centers
  - ✓ Health Department
  - ✓ Nursing Home
  - ✓ 4H
  - ✓ Hospitals
  - ✓ Meals on wheels
- State/Federal
  - ✓ AARP
  - ✓ 55Alive
  - ✓ VITA
  - ✓ Library for the Blind
  - ✓ California Library Association
  - ✓ Public Library Association
  - ✓ American Library Association
- ALC- Libraries for the future/Lifelong access
  - ✓ Emphasizes learning, social connections, life planning, and community engagement
  - ✓ Lifelong Access is informed by recent research documenting older adults' interests in education, flexible work, and service that makes a difference
  - ✓ [www.lff.org/programs/lifelong.html](http://www.lff.org/programs/lifelong.html)
- Generations Online
  - ✓ Promote technology to enhance the quality of life of older adults
  - ✓ Customized and simplified software application
  - ✓ [www.generationsonline.com/](http://www.generationsonline.com/)
- Senior Net
  - ✓ Nonprofit organization of computer-using adults, age 50 and older
  - ✓ Provide older adults education and access to technologies
  - ✓ Enhance lives of older adults and share knowledge and wisdom
  - ✓ [www.seniornet.org](http://www.seniornet.org)