How Can the Library of Local Project be a Catalyst for Community Resilience?

• **Modeling**
  - Operating our facilities with an eye towards climate change mitigation and adaptation
  - Participating in community-wide disaster preparedness efforts / recovery efforts
  - Back-of-house operations should model best thinking around climate change mitigation and adaptation

• **Be vocal and visible.**
  - Be known as an institution working on sustainability/climate action topics *(e.g. mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions); adaptation (building community resilience); and climate justice (building empathy, respect, and understanding among residents))*
    - Integrate into library’s strategic plan and core values
    - Routine focus in library publications *(e.g. enewsletter, social media, library website, annual report to the community, press releases)*
  - Build on The Library of Local (LoL) brand:
    - Offering programs/collections/services that speak to the direct issues residents are facing related to climate change
    - Enewsletter articles, web site features, and social media posts that highlight the LoL collection/resources/programming; seek cross-promotional opportunities
    - Identify local experts to come and speak at the library for LoL events
    - Build new booklists and share with the other LoL locations
• **Be a catalyst for “creating community”**
  - “Libraries bring people together naturally”
  - Help celebrate community achievements
  - Highlight local agencies, municipal efforts, businesses, artists, farmers, etc.
  - Host programs related to finding common ground (e.g. [Braver Angels](https://www.braverangels.org), [Living Room Conversations](https://livingroomconversations.org))
  - Offering service opportunities (e.g. through The Great Give Back, Repair Cafes, Trex Challenge) that model bringing people together to solve/address challenges in the community

• **Host Self-Reliance and Workforce Development Events**
  - Neighbors teaching neighbors on a small scale (e.g. Skillshare Fair)
  - Teach people to repair, mend (in addition to Repair Cafes/Fixit Clinics) (e.g. household repairs, sewing, fix your own car, “adulting”)
  - Connect people with new workforce skills in sustainably-minded careers

• **Be a “go-to” resource for local information and connections to social and government services**
  - Social services (county, state, and federal)
  - Help translate government programs so they are accessible to the average patron
  - Seek opportunities to work through county library associations/MHLS so not everyone has to reinvent the wheel with this content

• **Ensure collections areas related to LoL topics are high-quality, current, and relevant**