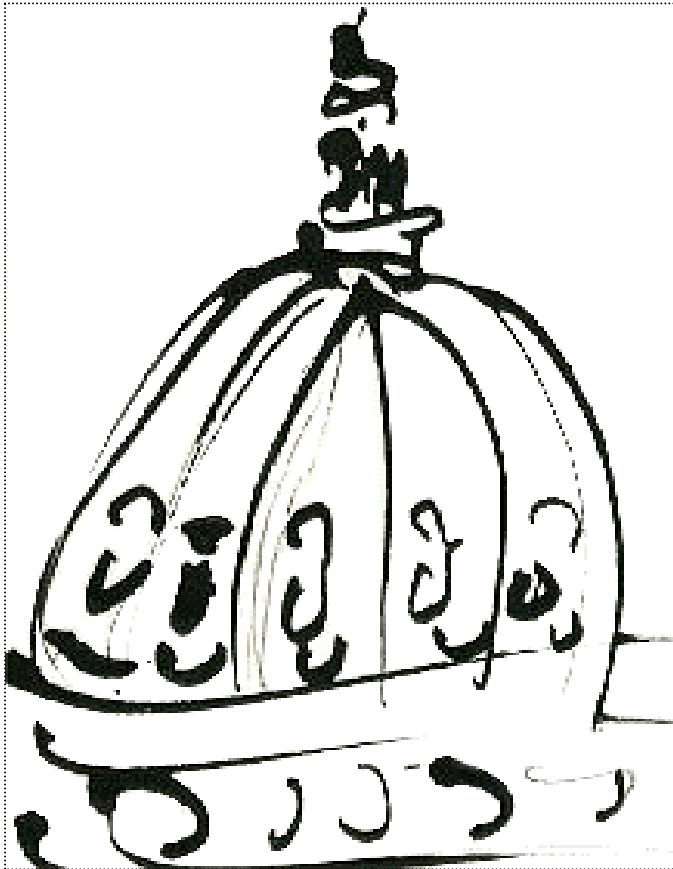




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APPENDIX 10: ALTERNATIVE MEASURES FOR ASSESSING SNPL VALUE

A. How can the library help?

This section asks local elected officials, local agency officials, community group leaders and local business associations for ways the library might contribute to the success of planned initiatives over the next year.

How can the library help?	
What major initiatives, projects or programs do you plan over the next 6 months to a year (name brief description)?	Are there ways that the library might contribute to the success of these initiatives?
1.	
2.	
3.	

B. Library walk around

Library walkarounds are a relatively quick, but effective ways that library managers use to get a sense of what might need improvement. Government and community leaders' views might provide important insights and get them engaged in supporting solutions to problems they have identified. Walkarounds can be informal or systematic. For additional discussion see: Consulting Librarians Group. Community Analysis Methods and Evaluative Options (CAMEO) handbook: Chapter 6: Looking-around-inside-the-library.

<<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/pathway/cameo/chap6.htm>>. In particular, Library WalkAround Work Sheet 7A <<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/pathway/cameo/wks7a.htm>>, 7B

<<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/pathway/cameo/wks7b.htm>>, and 7C

<<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/pathway/cameo/wks7c.htm>>. A keep it simple worksheet follows.

Library Walk around Findings			
Major finding/problem	Priority	Why matters to you	Possible ifixit support
1.			
2.			
3.			

C. Assessing Library’s Engagement with Community Leaders

This section provides a draft checklist for library directors to begin to assess their level of local advocacy involvement.

Assessing Library’s Engagement with Community Leaders			
	Last 6 mos.	Prev. 6 mos.	%⁶⁸
Local government			
# times librarian attended local council/commissioner meetings			
# times librarian visited another local government agency on library-agency business			
# times library asked officials/agencies how library might help (see 9a)			
# local government reference questions asked (based on 1 week sample)			
# (non library) local gov. staff trained in information seeking or management			
# media releases thanked local government or government official for support (if appropriate)			
# times library contacted local government because of potential partnership or local government opportunity			
# library staff participated local government offered training			
# times library invited local government agencies to meet at the library			
# times (non library) local government meeting held in library where librarian was present			
# times library invited government leader to do a library walk around (see 9b)			
Library-Government Joint Contracts or Partnerships	Yes, Have	No	Maybe
Building maintenance			
Supplies & equipment purchase			
Security			
IT staffing & shared equipment			
Human resources (job descriptions, policies, training, benefits)			
Community groups & local business organizations	Last 6 mos.	Prev. 6 mos.	%
# times librarian attended a community group meeting			
# times librarian did presentation about library at community group meeting business			
# times library invited local business & community groups to meet at library			
# times library asked how library might help these organization (see 9a)			
# times library invited community leader to do a library walk around (see 9b)			

⁶⁸ ((Last 6 months – Previous 6 months)/Last six months) * 100