



Community Conversations

Be Part of Community Conversations at Thomas Memorial Library

The library strives to provide a forum for timely community conversations around issues that Cape residents care about. To that end, we are developing a slate of conversations to be hosted in 2021. If your department or committee is interested in partnering with us to host a virtual conversation, please read on!

We are planning to host 6 conversations over the course of the year. These will be scheduled in the evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 or 8:00, depending on the need for presenting content and accommodating discussion. TML staff will work with groups to create library publicity and host the events (virtually or in person, depending on public health considerations) and be available to help facilitate the meeting platform and conversation.

Identifying Opportunities for Dialogue

If your department or committee has an issue that you think would benefit the community by hosting a facilitated discussion and opportunity for dialogue, please consider the questions below to describe a vision and desired outcomes as part of your proposal:

- What is the issue you would like to create dialogue/provide information about?
- What would that look like?
- Who would you hope would attend and what do you hope residents would get out of it?
- What would a successful program outcome be for you?

Why do we think this is important?

Community conversations can transform libraries, communities, systems, and people. Conversations bring people with common concerns together, unleash new possibilities, build partnerships, and create an educational avenue for residents to become active participants in our community life. As a library, we believe coming together to share information, identify concerns, and create dialogue leads to more civic involvement and positive outcomes. Our role as a community information hub uniquely positions us to create opportunities for residents to become more informed and active in local life and facilitate dialogue that serves as a catalyst for change.

What are the next steps?

If you are interested in collaborating with the library, please [contact Library Director Rachel Davis](#) with any questions, or feel free to email a paragraph describing your proposal for a community conversation using the questions above.