

LIVING LIBRARY

COMMUNITY PARTNER OVERVIEW

Real Stories. Real People. Real Impact.



YOUR STORY BECOMES PART OF THE LEARNING

In the Living Library, students 'check out' community members who serve as Living Books. By sharing your experiences, passions, challenges, and community impact, you help students explore local issues, future opportunities, and ideas for their 8th Grade Capstone Projects.

HOW COMMUNITY PARTNERS PARTICIPATE

1

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

PANELIST

Join a facilitated panel focused on a community issue, such as education, public safety, housing, entrepreneurship, workforce development, mental health, transportation, or sustainability.

2

LIVING BOOK

SMALL-GROUP CONVERSATION

Engage with approximately 6-8 students as they ask questions, take notes, explore community issues, and begin identifying possible Capstone topics.

WHAT STUDENTS WANT TO KNOW

- What inspired you?
- What problem are you helping solve?
- What challenges have you faced?
- What motivates you?
- What advice would you give someone my age?
- How can young people make a difference?

There are no perfect answers. Students value authenticity.

WHAT WE ASK OF YOU

- Arrive on time for check-in and orientation
- Participate for the full assigned session
- Share authentic, age-appropriate experiences
- Encourage student questions and ideas
- Foster respectful conversation
- Help students think critically about their community

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ANTICIPATED HOST PARTNERS

Hampton Public Library | Hampton University William R. & Norma B. Harvey Library

Confirmed partners will receive their assigned location, schedule, parking information, and additional event details in advance.

WHY YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTERS

Your story may help a student discover a new interest, identify a community problem worth solving, or recognize their own ability to make a difference.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING HAMPTON CITY SCHOOLS BRING LEARNING TO LIFE.