

7C—Panel

Developing Strong Town-Gown Relationships
Reaching Out: Academic Libraries and Community Needs

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Academic libraries can play a role in addressing social and civic needs. This panel explores three specific programs developed by University of Calgary librarians in response to the need for stronger community relevance. The panel examines i) the engagement of K–12 learners through on-campus library programs and how such outreach activities engage with key stakeholders culturally, educationally, and specifically through library collections, ii) a variety of specific collaborations that have developed over a decade between university librarians, K–12 teachers, and administrators that reach beyond orientation and information-literacy sessions for high school students, and, iii) the development of annual legal research workshops called Research in the Real World—a collaboration of Calgary academic, law firm, and courthouse law librarians to prepare students for working in law offices as summer associates.