

## OPEN THE LIBRARY DOOR OPEN THE WORLD

Libraries are about freedom.  
Freedom to read, freedom of ideas,  
Freedom of communication  
They are about education,  
About entertainment, about  
Making safe spaces and  
About access to information.

Libraries have always been important to Esther, even life changing. In this technological age they are an under appreciated resource. We hope through this program to make our members more aware and appreciative of them,

The first and easiest thing to do is to visit your local library and get a library card. Take your children or grandchildren with you and get cards for them too. If it has been awhile since your last visit you will be amazed.

While you're there ask about their services. Most libraries have some kind of volunteer group ie Friends of the Library. They offer many ways you and your Institute can help. Arrange a tour of your local library for your Institute.

Go on line and check out Libraries. There is a wealth of information out there.

These are just a few suggestions. As we proceed through the year I'll offer other possibilities. I also have complete confidence in the creativity of our members so please share your ideas too.

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