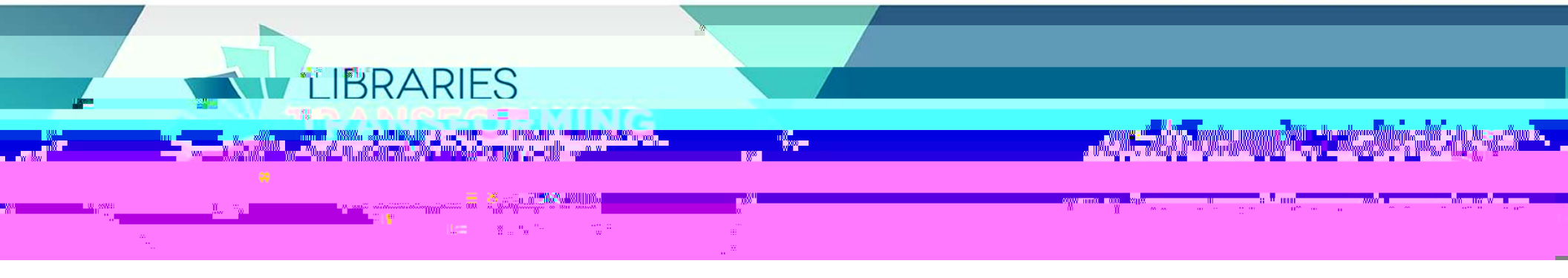# LIBRARIES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

# Presenters



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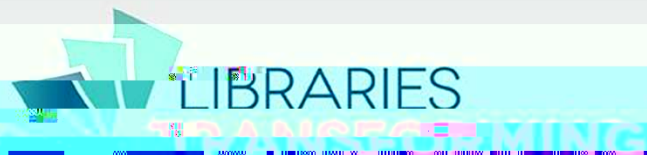


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# WHAT does it mean to ost accessible conversations!

Planning" deciding t e to#ic and structure

$nviting" ma%ing invitations to t e community
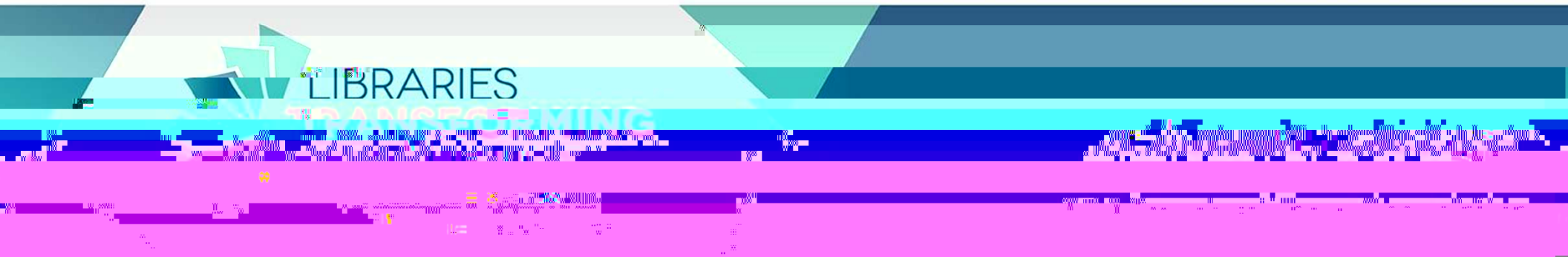
&eading" also %no' n as (acilitating)
Welcoming #eo#le, s aring agreements, and
guiding t e conversation

# WHAT does it loo% li%e to ost conversations!

Conversations can be small, ' it a cou#le #eo#le, or large events ' it lots o( #eo#le)

$n t is #ro*ect, (or many, it ' ill li%ely ta%e t e (orm o( small grou# conversations)
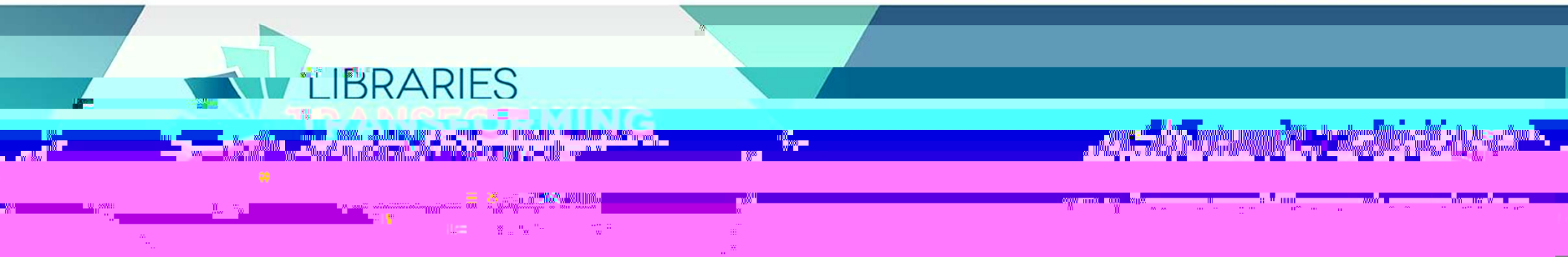
# WH+ addressing accessibility in t e library re, uires community conversation

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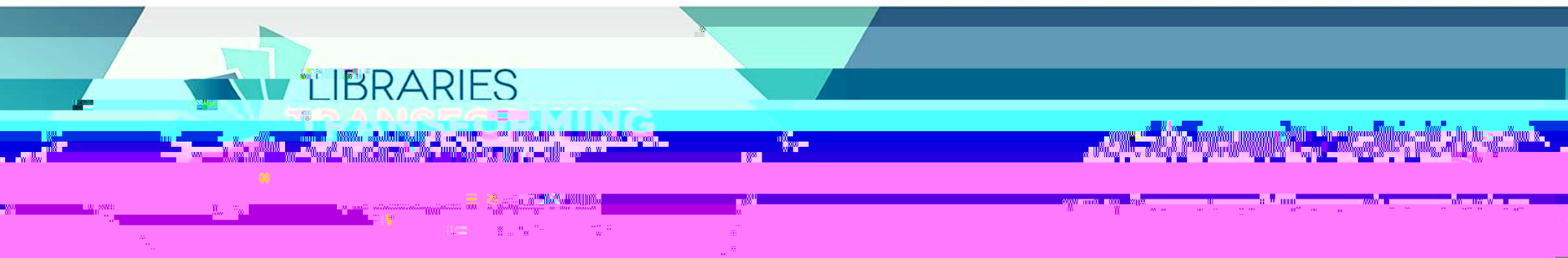T is could lead to ' asted resources or (unds s#ent on a lesser #riority)

# H/W to tal% ' it t e community about accessibility

As% '  at t  ey need or ' ould ma%e t  e most use o()

Discuss t  e realities 0 cost, (easibility o(
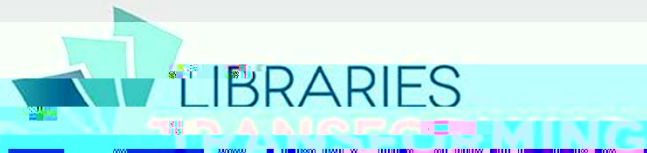#urc  asing1im#lementing, etc )

Allo' t  em to res#ond to one anot  er, and (or you to
ta%e t  at in(ormation in and res#ond, too)

# WH/ to connect ' it , co0creating ' it t e community

Consult ' it t e community you are loo%ing to reac )
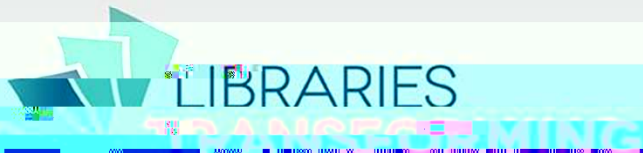2ind out ' at t ey ' ould li%e to discuss)

Partners 0 ' o in t e community is ' or%ing ' it ,
su##orting t e community members you are o#ing
to reac ) T ey can el# ' it invitations, (raming t e
conversation, and even #rovide insig ts as to ' at is
already o((ered by ot er community institutions)

# WHAT to as% t e community

/verarc ing , uestion to as% in engaging t e community 3exam#les4"

- Ho' can ' e ma%e t e library more accessible (or our community!
- Ho' can ' e best address accessibility in t e library5s # ysical s#aces!
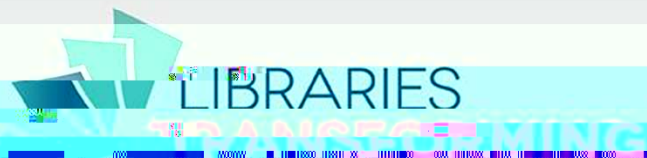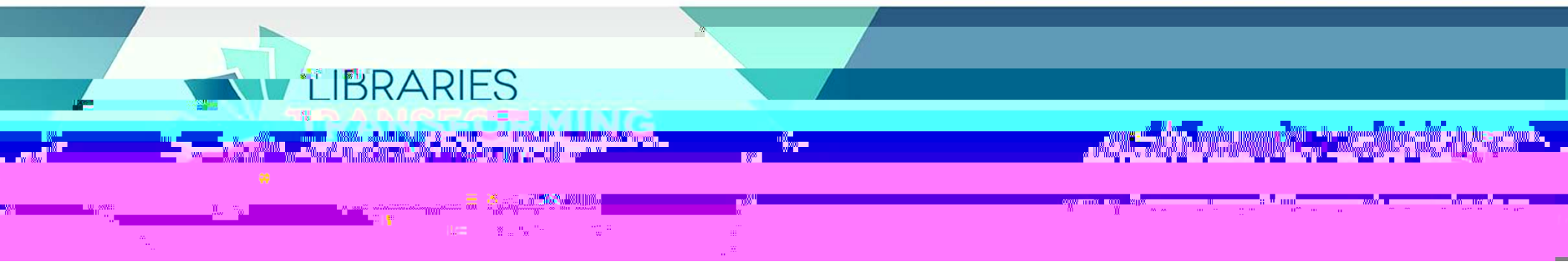
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# WHERE: Location, logistics, oh my.

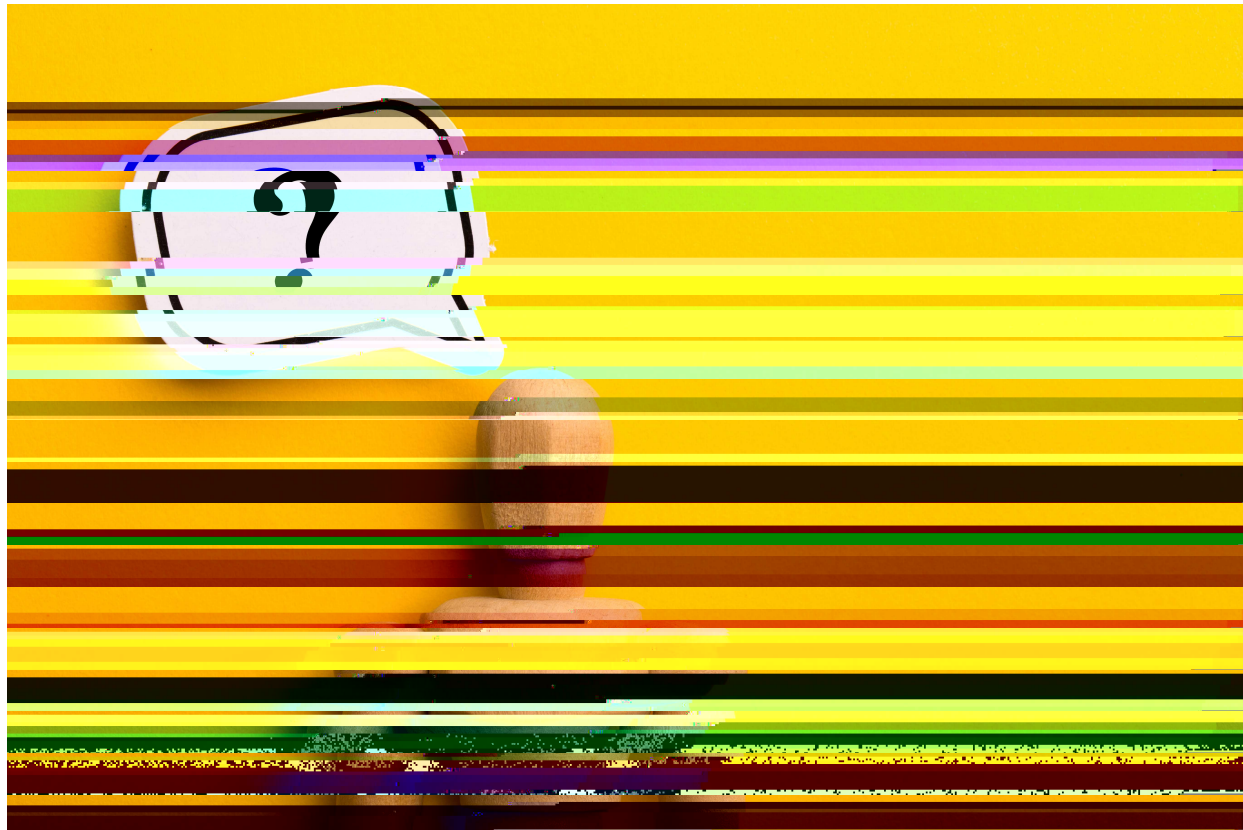Traditional conversations: in-person, synchronous, spoken

Alternatives: Online, synchronous and/or asynchronous, written, spoken, or using other means)

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# Next 9te#s

Com#lete t e (acilitation e0course 0 general #ractices (or #lanning and (acilitating conversation

6evie' t e Accessible Conversations : uide 0 more s#eci(ic guidance, #lanning tool (or conversations about accessibility