

Bring The American Conversation Project to your community: Interest Form

<https://www.americanconversations.org/libraries>

As America marks 250 years, invite your community to a new kind of conversation. Fill out this form to express interest in hosting ACP conversations at your library this Civic Season. It takes about 5 minutes.

About the program:

No surveys. No comment box. Instead, a real conversation — with your neighbors, in your community, about the things that matter most.

As America marks 250 years, the American Conversation Project (ACP) is bringing people together across the country to share stories, listen deeply, and strengthen the bonds that hold us together. This summer — during Civic Season, June 19 through July 4 — libraries across the country will host recorded small-group conversations where neighbors share what's on their minds: what they love about where they live, what feels broken, what they hope for, and how they want to take action.

Those stories don't disappear when the conversation ends. Using a combination of human listening and AI-assisted tools, ACP works with Cortico to surface insights from communities across the country and share them back — so people can hear not just what their neighbors are saying, but what Americans everywhere are thinking and feeling. [*See an example of this work in action.*]

ACP is a nonpartisan initiative led by the National Conference on Citizenship, in partnership with Cortico and a growing coalition of civic, cultural, education, faith, and media organizations.

After you submit your interest, we'll follow up within 5 business days to confirm your spot and share a link to sign up for a facilitator orientation to get you started!

1. What is the name of your library?

Laredo Public Library

2. What is your library's website?

www.laredolibrary.org

3. Library Location

1120 Calton Rd., Laredo, TX, 78041, United States

4. Approximately how many staff members does your library have?

52

5. Library Type

Urban

6. If applicable, what is your library system or consortium name?

Laredo Public Library

Primary Contact and Facilitators

7. Who is the primary contact for this application?* Please include name and title.
Analiza Perez-Gomez, Librarian IV

8. What is the primary contact's email address?*

Agomez3@ci.laredo.tx.us

9. Please list the name(s) and role(s) of staff or community volunteers you are nominating to facilitate these ACP conversations (if different from primary contact).*

Self

10. Are the facilitator nominees library staff, community volunteers, or both?*

Library Staff

Conversation Commitment

11. How many ACP conversations are you planning to host?*

Convening partner (3-4: \$500)

12. Do you have an existing program or gathering you'd like to weave this into?*

Yes. Adult book Clubs and Adult Craft and Art Programs

13. Why is ACP a good fit for your community right now?* 2–3 sentences is fine.

The Laredo Public Library has seen an increase in both the number of adult programs offered and attendance in these programs. In addition, patrons have expressed satisfaction in the quality of the programs and the opportunity to connect with others.

Logistics

14. How did you hear about ACP?*

Social Media

15. Are you interested in the optional AI Sensemaking Certificate opportunity?* If you indicate your interest, you / someone from your team will explore and curate meaningful moments from the conversations you collect using Cortico's platform — lifting up voices and sharing stories with a wider audience. We will support your participation with a stipend of \$75 per conversation.

Time commitment: Variable depending on # of conversations between August – November 2026.

What's involved: Listening back to your recorded conversations and using Cortico's platform to explore what was said, surface resonant moments, and share them with a wider audience. Cortico will provide full initial training and ongoing support.

Tools & skills needed: A computer and reliable internet connection; no prior research or data experience required.

Yes.

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