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The Voices Project is a partnership between the Haines Borough Public Library and Lynn Canal Broadcasting KHNS-FM in collaboration with a number of other community organizations. It is funded by a two-year grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's "Partnership for a Nation of Learners Program," a leadership initiative empowering museums, libraries and public broadcasters to join forces and create value.

One of the goals of this grant is to create collaboration—which has already begun. We're excited that the following organizations will be participating and supporting our efforts during the next two years.

- ◆ Big Brothers Big Sisters
- ◆ Chilkoot Indian Association Tribal Government
- ◆ Friends of the Haines Borough Public Library
- ◆ Haines Borough Police Department
- ◆ Haines Borough School District
- ◆ Lynn Canal Counseling Services
- ◆ Next Warriors
- ◆ SEARHC Seven Circles
- ◆ SEARHC Community Family Services



Museums, libraries and public broadcasters joining forces, creating value

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## Community

Serving the community is one of the roles of public radio and public libraries.

It is the soul of our existence, the heart of our missions.

It seems only natural, then, that we partner and collaborate to address a community concern that affects all of us.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently joined forces to create a grant that would inspire libraries and museums to partner with public broadcasting organizations. The purpose: “to address local needs, increase civic engagement and improve the quality of life in your community.”

Seeing an opportunity to acquire funding to **increase drug and alcohol education and awareness in our community**—and create a collaborative effort among civic organizations—the Haines Borough Public Library partnered with Lynn Canal Broadcasting KHNS-FM.

Giving rise to the “Partnership for a Nation of Learners” grant.

Giving life to **the Voices Project**.

## Collaboration

Joining forces is vital.

As public institutions and partners, the library and KHNS are taking a leading role and providing opportunities for individuals and organizations to share their knowledge, experiences, resources, and voices to increase education and awareness about drug and alcohol abuse.

The library will host presentations by substance abuse and recovery experts, as well as public forums and discussions on the ways drug and alcohol abuse affects our lives. KHNS will broadcast the events as well as a series of “radio diaries” created by community members.

Collaboration is key. Many local organizations are already working together and planning how they can add their voices to the project.

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## Courage

One of the fundamental ways people learn and create understanding is by telling stories.

Exchanging stories with each other and with the community is what the **Voices Project** is all about.

But telling stories of how our lives are affected by drug and alcohol abuse will not be easy.

It will take courage. It will take compassion.

And it will take understanding—not only to share our stories but also to hear them. Because hearing how a person’s life is affected by substance abuse may not be easy, but it is very important.

As part of the **Voices Project**, anyone in the community is invited to learn how to use sound recording and editing technology at the library to tell their stories. Or they can choose to learn the technology to help give voice to the stories of others.

It will take time.

It will take patience.

It will take courage.

But one voice can make all the difference.

**One voice can change a life.**



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