

Trenton Smiley Marketing & Communications Director Capital Area District Libraries 5 Ways Partnerships Can Improve Your Marketing

## Partnership Marketing

# **Definition:** a marketing related collaboration with another organization that helps both parties achieve their objectives.

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**Concept:** Leveraging the marketable resources of your library in order to maximize your marketing efforts (paid and unpaid).

## Marketable Resources

- Collection/Programming & Services
- Digital & Physical Footprints
- Expertise (Library Presenters & Staff)
- Good Will/Mission (Trusted Name)
- Marketing Channels
- Patrons/Supporters

## **Types of Partners**

## Business

- Community Events
- Government Agencies

## Media

Non-profits Including Churches

## Schools

## 5 Ways Partnerships Can Help

- Reaching New Audiences
- Helping Increase Engagement
- Providing More Value to Current Patrons
- Helping in the Creation and Sharing of Content
- Reducing Marketing Cost

## Forming a Partnership

- Identify Your Library's Strengths & Weaknesses
- Establish Your Marketing Objectives
- Identify Possible Partners
- Negotiate Terms
- Launch Partnership & Evaluate

Increased marketing reach through partnerships with an expo and home & garden show.





HOME GARDEN SHOW MSU Pavilion

#### MARCH 16-19, 2023





#### Lisa Steinkopf, The Houseplant Guru

ATTEND THE SHOW

Lisa Eldred Steinkopf is crazy about houseplants. Known as The Houseplant Guru, Lisa is a freelance writer and currently writing articles for Michigan Gardener Magazine, Michigan Gardening Magazine, HGTVGardens.com, and has been featured in Real Simple Magazine. Her new book, Grow In The Dark will be available in May.

For more, check out her website thehouseplantguru.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/HouseplantGuru

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EXHIBIT IN THE SHOW

FOR THE MEDIA

Secured goods and services from partners to help increase patron engagement.

# Freebies

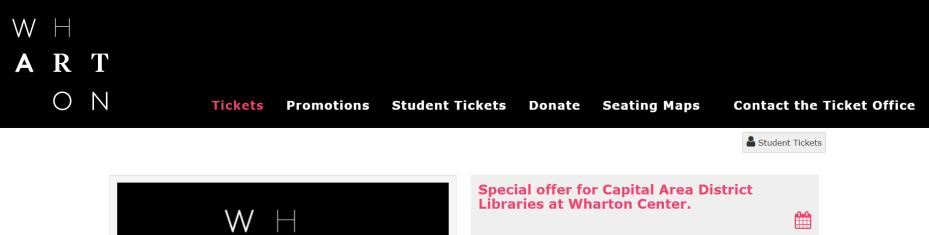
Our e-newsletters could win you great prizes!

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Collaborated with business partners to provide patrons with added value.



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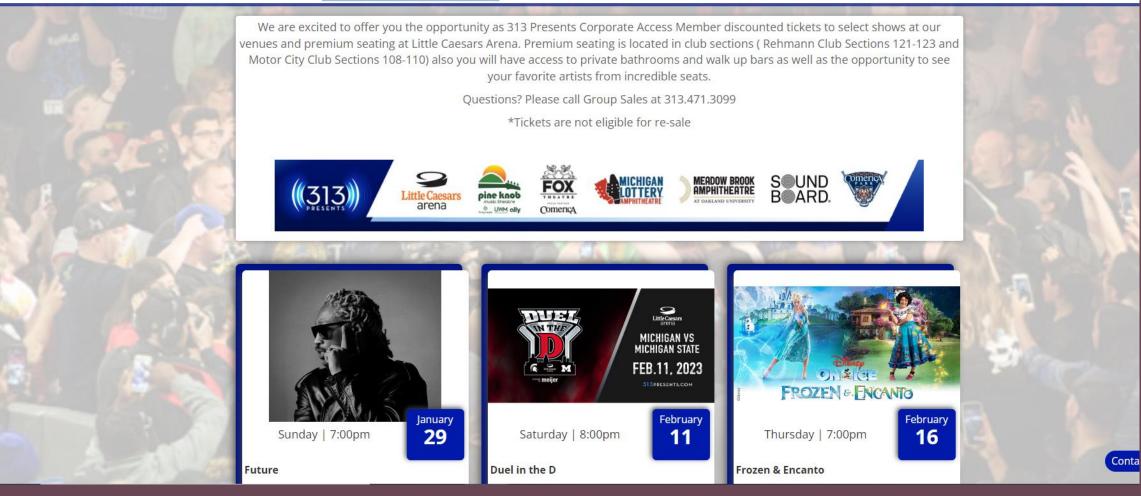


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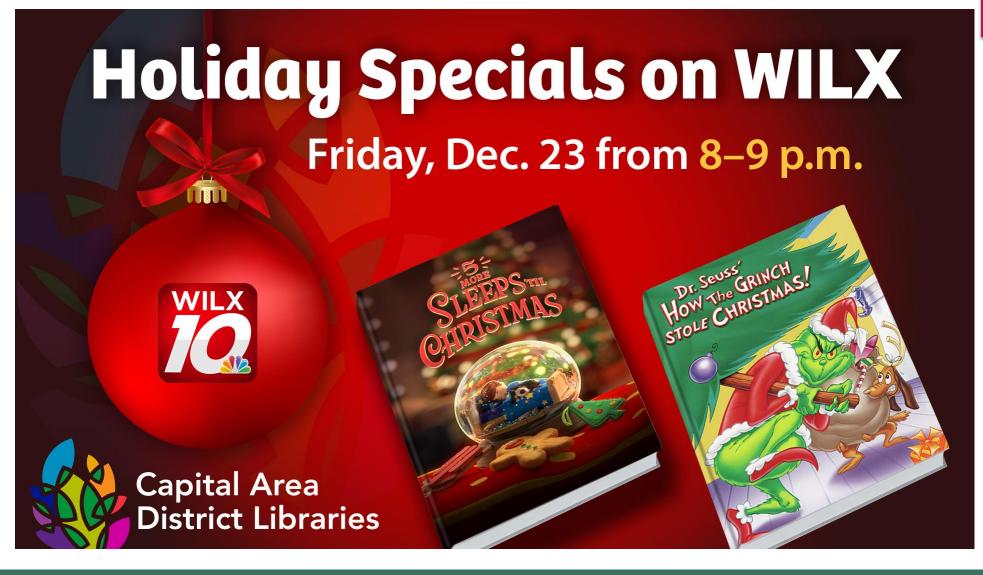






Formed partnerships to help in the creation and distribution of library content.

## Weekly Downloads



Leveraged library's goodwill to secure ad support and car to use for giveaway.

## Final Tips on Partnerships

- Identify partners with similar target audiences.
- A great partnership should provide you with something you don't already have.
- Not a great idea to partner with competitors.
- Always negotiate from a place of strength.





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