A clinical focus on enhanced life participation for people with aphasia calls for speech-language pathologists to develop innovative strategies for implementing community-based participation activities. This presentation describes three pilot projects which utilized community resources, many of which are present in other U.S.A communities, to enhance the ability for PWA to accomplish the following objectives:

1) to participate in a city-wide Reading Together program
2) to actively volunteer in the community, and
3) to explore leisure activities of choice. Participants will gain knowledge of program models they may develop in their own communities.

Developing individual client-centered participation goals also will be discussed.

The following websites will be referenced (listed in order of presentation):

Life Participation Approach to Aphasia
http://www.asha.org/public/speech/disorders/LPAA.htm

Researching WHO-ICF Activity and Participation Chapters
http://www.who.int/research/en/

ICF Illustration Library
http://www.icfillustration.com/top_e.html

Aphasia Book Clubs
http://www.aphasiacenter.org/

One Book Programs in 50 states of US, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada
http://www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/one-book.html

Senior Companion Program - Senior Corps
Programs in all 50 states of US
http://www.seniorcorps.gov/about/programs/sc.asp

National Aphasia Association
www.aphasia.org

Agencies Serving Elders- search for all 50 States
http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare/Public/Home.asp

Centers for Independent Living - National and International Directory
Additional resources referenced in the presentation:


Pat Arato Aphasia Centre and Lifetime Productions. (1996). [Videotape]. (Available from the Aphasia Institute of Toronto, 73 Scarsdale Road, Toronto, ON, Canada M3B2R2 or https://security.westserver.net/aphasia/formyorders.php)


