

# Meet Me at the Library

*A Place to Foster  
Social Connection and  
Promote Democracy*

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“There are no better gardeners of our democracy than public librarians. A librarian knows how to seed and feed the civic imagination. Shamichael Hallman is a master civic gardener, and this powerful book is not just a chronicle of his professional and personal commitment to the library but also a praise song for local democracy and a picture of what is possible when we commit to democracy—even when we have many reasons to walk away from it. Read this book. Then go forth and garden. Our democracy is depending on us.”

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