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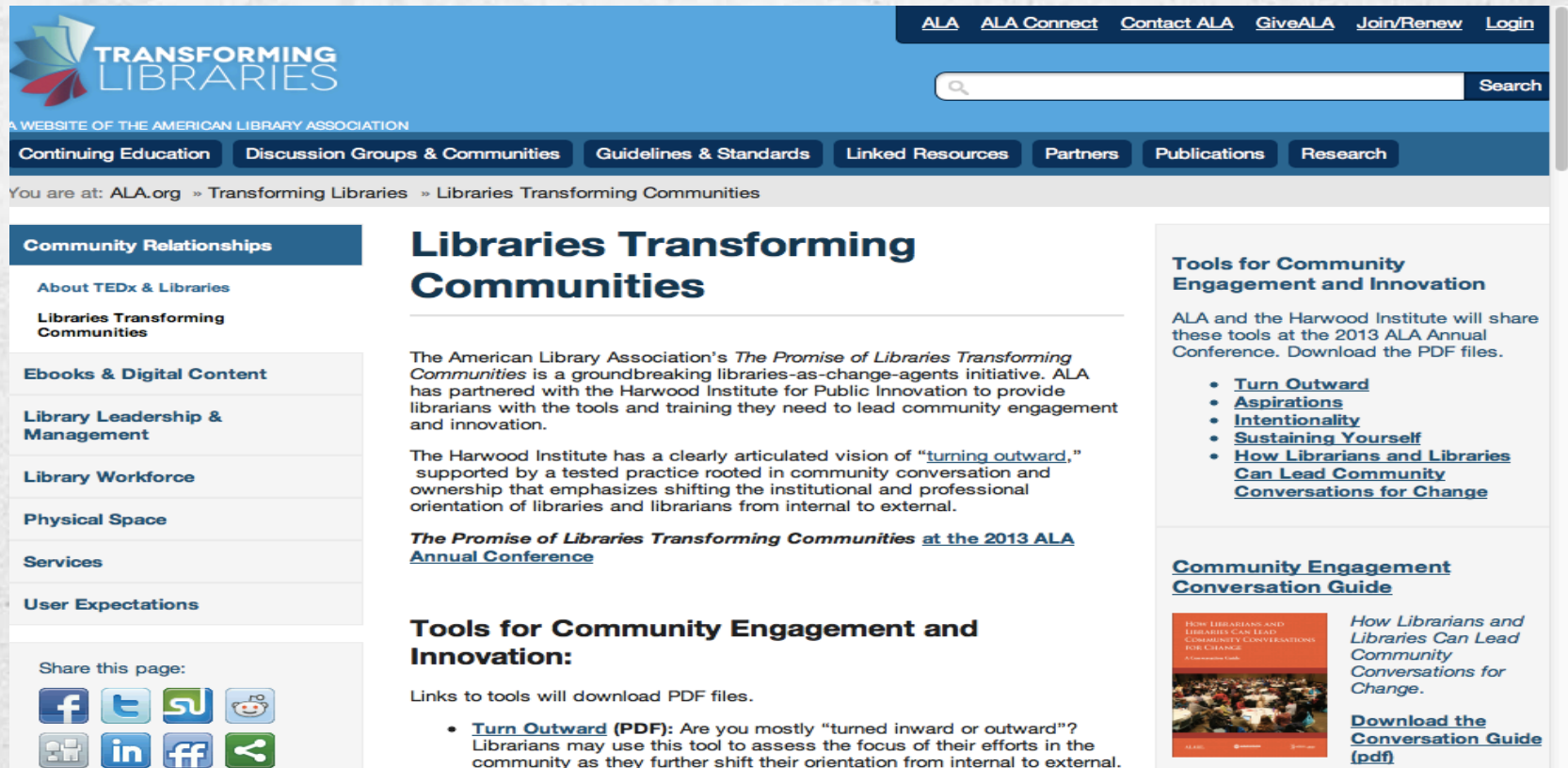
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Current Kitchen Table Conversation Summary

People want a **welcoming, inclusive, engaged and supportive organization**. But, they're concerned that **ALA's complexity** makes it **difficult to navigate** and that **ALA needs to be more welcoming to new members and new ideas**. As people talk about these concerns, they talk about **silos**, about having too many choices and **too much "noise,"** and about **bureaucracy**. They say **we need to concentrate on building relationships and on developing a sense of community**; we need **more focus**; and, we need to continue the [Kitchen Table] conversations. If **we worked on this together** -- ALA leadership, Division leadership, Round Table leadership, staff -- they would be more likely to trust the effort and step forward to help.



More Tools, Training, and Updates on www.ala.org/LTC



The screenshot shows the 'Transforming Libraries' website, a part of the American Library Association. The header features the logo and navigation links like 'ALA', 'ALA Connect', 'Contact ALA', 'GiveALA', 'Join/Renew', and 'Login'. A search bar is also present. Below the header, a navigation bar lists categories such as 'Continuing Education', 'Discussion Groups & Communities', 'Guidelines & Standards', 'Linked Resources', 'Partners', 'Publications', and 'Research'. The main content area is titled 'Libraries Transforming Communities' and includes a sidebar with links to 'Community Relationships', 'Ebooks & Digital Content', 'Library Leadership & Management', 'Library Workforce', 'Physical Space', 'Services', and 'User Expectations'. The main text describes the 'The Promise of Libraries Transforming Communities' initiative, a partnership with the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation. It mentions the 'turning outward' concept and provides links to tools for community engagement and innovation, including a PDF download for the 'Turn Outward' tool. A sidebar on the right lists 'Tools for Community Engagement and Innovation' and provides a 'Community Engagement Conversation Guide'.

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Links to tools will download PDF files.

- Turn Outward (PDF):** Are you mostly "turned inward or outward"? Librarians may use this tool to assess the focus of their efforts in the community as they further shift their orientation from internal to external.

Tools for Community Engagement and Innovation

ALA and the Harwood Institute will share these tools at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference. Download the PDF files.

- [Turn Outward](#)
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