

Stakeholder and Staff Update Report

Every 5 years libraries must choose service priorities from a pre-defined list of 18 to develop their service plan. These priorities help libraries meet our specific local needs. Libraries like ours have remained relevant by responding to these changing needs. Usually, libraries choose 3-5 of them. Based on the initial meetings and surveys with stakeholders the library board has narrowed those identified to these 5:

1. Know Your Community

This goal focuses on offering a central source of information about the wide variety of programs services and activities provided by community organizations. Libraries that focus on this goal often develop searchable community databases, maintain a Wishlist of volunteers needed by local organizations, and develop information packets for newcomers.

2. Build Successful Enterprises

This goal focuses on ensuring businesses and non-profits have resources they need to develop and maintain strong, viable organizations. Libraries that take on this goal usually sponsor workshops on topics of interest to non-profits, establish and maintain grant writing centers, provide podcasts, videocasts or wikis on relevant topics for local organizations, and promote electronic access to local ordinances that affect business like zoning, census projections, and development plans.

3. Satisfy Curiosity

This goal aims to offer the resources needed for residents to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their life. Libraries that take on this goal usually sponsor let's talk about it programs and debates, expand the library collection, creative electronic pathfinders to help people find information on popular topics, and provide access to online education programs.

4. Connect to the Online World

This goal focuses on residents having high speed internet access to the digital world with no unnecessary restrictions so that everyone can take advantage of the ever-growing resources and services available online. Libraries that choose this response will frequently provide barrier free wifi and public technology access, provide technology training, and loan wifi hotspots to users.

5. Create young readers.

This goal is about having programs and services designed to ensure that kids will enter school ready to learn to read, write and listen. When libraries choose this goal they often sponsor a born the read program, present regularly scheduled storytimes, and provide book to go bags each with a collection of related material.