



**Milton-Freewater Public Library**  
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**Annual Library Service Plan**  
**Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

**Library Mission Statement**

The mission of the Milton-Freewater Public library is to improve and enrich the lives of our patrons by providing access to informational, educational, and recreational materials. We seek to transform the lives of our community members by connecting them with knowledge, and assist them in becoming lifelong readers and learners.

**1. Training Program**

Goals and Objectives: Using the Edge Initiative tool we identified some technology skills that our staff can improve upon. Using the resources and recommendations from the Edge Initiative, Library Staff have begun training on technology skills using Learning Express. This will help Library Staff improve their technology skills while learning to use resources from the State Library.

**2. Technology**

Goals and objectives: This year the Friends of the Library Group has been the recipient of a large grant to improve technology and facilities at the library. One of these projects is the implementation of RFID to our library. This will require installation of RFID equipment and training of library staff, and patrons for the new self-checkout station.

In the last year the library has seen a significant increase in demand for our services, and has seen a surge in new library patrons. This increase in usage shows just how much the community values the library and the resources we provide, but this increase in usage also means that our staffing resources are stretched thin. In order for the library to manage this increased demand for our services, while not compromising our service level it is important for us to find ways to automate tasks, and allocate our staff time elsewhere. RFID technology could save our library staff hundreds of hours each year and would allow more staff time and energy to be devoted to better serving our community.



## 6. Friends/Volunteer Program

Our Friends Group is a small, but dedicated group of individuals dedicated to ensuring our library's success. The Friends Group typically manages less than \$2000 in donations each year from our book sale. The grant awarded to the Friends Group has re-energized our group, and has allowed to them to manage funds in amounts that we have not seen since the library was built in 2003. We hope to capitalize on this momentum by recruiting new Friends members this year, and starting new fundraising events and campaigns for the library.