

Annual Library Service Plan – FY2021-2022

Helix Public Library

Library Vision for the Future:

The vision of the Helix Public Library is to provide a welcoming environment for the community dedicated to assisting patrons of all ages with their literary and informational needs. We also strive to provide a place to learn together through programs and services offered including access to computers, wifi and internet, adult and children's programs, inter-library loan assistance and outreach to the school and homebound.

1. **Goal 1: Technology: Focused on significantly increasing web presence and technology resources to provide rural community access to the Internet, jobs and skill learning.**

What community needs are you addressing:

Current computers for patron use are old and do not always function properly. Newer technology in a remote community is needed to give patrons quick access to the internet and also for online studies in the wake of CoVid regulations. Also, updating our web page is a goal and will help patrons know what services we provide.

Priority(ies):

FY2020-21 - Year 1 activities

Find funds for computers by writing a Wildhorse grant for four new computers, monitors and headphones. Research Hot Spots to see if this is an option for Helix and if there is a need in our community.

FY2021-2022 - Year 2 activities

Continue to research grants or ways to find funds for new public computers, monitors and headphones. Work on our web page to update and add information for the public.

FY2022-2023 - Year 3 and beyond activities

2. Goal 2: Community relations: Focused on establishing the library as a vital presence in the community.

What community needs are you addressing:

In small communities, places to meet are of vital importance. The library provides a community gathering place, a place for information and helps fulfill the needs of a rural population by offering programs, events and free services. A “Library of Things” will meet the needs of our community by providing items that can be checked out instead of traveling to purchase. In a remote community we borrow from each other. This will be another way to have access to things we can borrow but from the library. A “Little Free Library” will also be established to provide free books for our community. With limited library hours, free books can fill the need for access to books outside of the library when it is closed.

Priority(ies):

FY2020-21 - Year 1 activities

Receive permission from the City Council to place a “Little Free Library” in our community. Ask a Senior to create a “Little Free Library” as their community service project. Start collecting items for the “Library of Things, establish an area to display them or signage indicating what we have. If there are bigger items, ask City Council if some items can be stored in the basement of City Hall.

FY2021-2022 - Year 2 activities

Create a space to house the “Library of Things”. Tag and code each item and create agreements/waivers for items. Research what may be popular to have available for check out. Market what we have after all steps are complete.

FY2022-2023 - Year 3 and beyond activities

Goal 3. K-12 Youth Programs: Focused on establishing/maintaining a lifelong relationship between the youth and the public library.

What community needs are you addressing?

Living in Helix, the lack of activities for our youth is an issue. To offer more activities for our youth would help fill a void that is there when it comes to entertainment or educational opportunities for our community.

Priority(ies):

FY2021-2022 – Year 1 activities

Work on offering teen activities in the park, possibly hire a teen youth coordinator or assistant. The teens generally stop using the library and I would like to create more connections with that age group.

FY2021-2022 – Year 2 activities

Look at a Junior Librarian program to let youth volunteer and learn more about the library. Provide incentives for those that participate.