

Annual Library Service Plan – FY2025-2026

Adams Public Library

Library Vision for the Future:

The Adams Public Library strives to inform, enlighten, and empower all of our community members. The library upholds the right of all Americans to freely express their thoughts and ideas. We support the right of each individual to read, listen, and view the full range of published thoughts and ideas, and will endeavor to provide appropriate resources in support of the information and recreational needs of area residents, and thereby, to be a center for community enrichment and lifelong learning.

1. Goal:

We have been very successful in establishing and maintaining relationships with our K-12 patrons, and this will always be something we continue to maintain, but we would like to continue to work on establishing strong relationships with our adult patrons.

What community needs are you addressing:

Adults in our community have little to no access to free programs and events that they do not have to travel to and that are during a time that is convenient to work hours. The adults in our community need the opportunity to connect with the library and to connect with each other, to build stronger relationships.

Priority(ies):

Adult Programs

FY2025-2026 – Year 2 activities

- Evaluate Adult Programming success so far.
- Use information from the Services Survey to organize more adult events and programs.
- Host an Open House again highlighting library resources, events, and new items.

FY2026-2027 – Year 3

- Build on programs that were more popular/prefferred by patrons.
- Collaborate with other local libraries for adult events and programs.

2. Goal:

To increase open hours for the library by at least 5 hours a week

What community needs are you addressing:

When we did our Services Survey, we found that many patrons in our community work until later in the evening. The Services Survey showed that our patrons would like to have the library open later in the evening so they can come in after work.

Priority(ies):

Patron Access

FY2025-2026 – Year 1 activities

- Hire a second part time employee to work one day a week.
- Extend hours into the evening 3 or more days a week.
- Update social media pages to reflect any changes.

FY2026-2027 – Year 2

- Maintain social media pages, keeping them as up to date as possible with schedule information.
- Host bigger events with the help of the new employee.
- Find training opportunities for all employees.

FY2027-2028 – Year 3 and beyond activities

3. Goal:

To utilize the space in the library more efficiently so we can add a library of things and more items to each section without needing to weed, therefore expanding access to materials.

What community needs are you addressing:

With very little space in the library, we are limited in how many items we can have in our catalog. Our patrons would like to see more items available without losing items to weeding.

Priority(ies):

Collection Development and Library of Things

FY2025-2026 – Year 1 activities

- Purchase new bookshelves with 6 tiers that can hold more items.
- Add more items to fill the new space we'll have.
- Reorganize the space to make room for the Library of Things.
- Purchase new items to implement a Library of Things based on the requests from the Services Survey we did last year.

FY2026-2027 – Year 2

- Contact other libraries about what items they have and which items have been useful in their Library of Things.
- Continue to build the Library of Things.