A photograph of Adams City Park and the Adams Public Library. The library is a two-story red brick building with a green roof and a sign that says "DOOR". In the foreground, there is a large evergreen tree on the left and a flowering tree on the right. A white sign in the grass reads "ADAMS CITY PARK A TRIBUTE TO ALL WHO SERVE". The scene is set in a grassy area with some shrubs and flowers.

# ADAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL LIBRARY SERVICE REVIEW

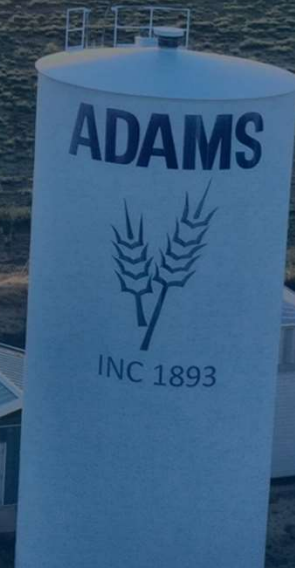
# VISION FOR THE FUTURE

It is the Adams Public Library's vision to provide appropriate resources in support of the information and recreational needs of area residents, and thereby be a center for community enrichment and lifelong learning



# 20-21 GOALS

- Re-establish weekly story time for youth and their families. Work to obtain grants or funding to create a facility or community space so that this can continue year-round.
- Create teen programming
- Increase community outreach



# WEEKLY STORY TIME

## PRIORITY- EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

- Expanded outdoor story time during the summer. Open to all ages. Set up so kids can check out books at the park during story time
- Moved into the library once school started. Schedule story time during school hours to focus on early childhood education and preschool readiness. Smaller groups with more one on one and engagement.
- Waiting to hear back from a grant to enclose our shelter to allow for all season use.
- Work to arrange age-appropriate programming, planning or hosting separate events and times. This will help create smaller groups to avoid overcrowding the library and ensure each child gets the most from library events. This may mean different programs for each age group, or one program provided at different times to separate age groups.
- Challenge: Scheduling for story time is trial and error to find what works for our community





# ACTIVITIES

Our goal was to create outdoor programs such as story time and crafter-noon. This was a huge success over the summer. We had weekly art in the park to match our summer reading theme and a weekly story time. Both programs had great attendance.



# CREATE TEEN PROGRAMMING

## Teen Services Grant

- Applied for and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,000 for Teen Programming. We created a 3D printing program! I purchased two 3D printers, 6 3D printing pens, a shelf to store it all, and enough filament and resin to last a long time!
- I also purchased game boards, card games, and will be providing other activities to encourage teens to come in and spend time at the library.
- Our program has been going great. Teens are learning new technology, choosing to spend their time in the library creating new things and interacting with each other, and building relationships.

## Transforming Teen Services

- In order to expand my teen programs, it helps if I better understand the way teens think, their interests, how their minds work and how to work with them. I am attending the course offered through the State library for transforming teen services. I am learning how to better facilitate programs, getting ideas for what works for others, and gaining resources that can be shared to bring equitable library services to teens in my community.
- I have created an area and a designated time for teens, and I am hoping to someday have a teen advisory committee.



# TEEN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES





The background image shows an outdoor library outreach table. The table is covered with a blue cloth and is filled with various items including colorful children's books, a sign that says 'letters abc', and other educational materials. The table is set up on a grassy area, and a tree is visible in the background. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a pleasant outdoor environment.

# INCREASE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- I wanted to increase community awareness of library services, such as our summer reading program, free library cards, inter-library loan, media transfer, free internet and more.
- The first thing I did was include water bill inserts with information inviting families to participate in our summer reading program. I saw a huge increase in sign ups and inquiries thanks to this. It also included information on other services the library offers for all ages.
- My goal was to assist with planning our community picnic, which did not happen due to a rise in covid cases during that time. I was able to put together a community easter egg hunt where I had a table to give away free books, library card sign ups, and provide information about library services.
- I have worked to stay current on postings for the public to increase awareness of programs. I am posting all information to multiple places such as a continuous slideshow playing from our front window, bulletin board flyers, our monthly city newsletter, and our Facebook and webpage.
- I provided several story walks for anyone to enjoy in our park and continued to provide our free little library so that anyone can enjoy reading, even if they can't make it into the library.
- Hosted Border Collie International as a community event. This event had about 75 people in attendance



# CHALLENGES

I found that although we made an amazing amount of progress on the goals I had set for this year, especially considering covid-19 and the challenges it presents, I struggled to do everything I wanted to simply because I can not do it all on my own. Some things I had to accept that I would not be able to do. I recognize that I need all the help and support I can get.

# COMMUNITY NEEDS

Providing educational opportunities, raising awareness of library services, and a need for teen services.

# DISTRICT SUPPORT

The UCSLD made it possible to work with other libraries to share resources, ideas, and support. This year we were grateful to receive signboards and frames for our story walks. I am excited to work with the district in the future to host other county wide programs. This year we shared the districts logo all appropriate program materials and shared with our community members about how the district benefits us. I look forward to finding more ways to serve our county.





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