



## Annual Library Service Plan – FY 2021-2022

### *Echo Public Library*

**Library Vision for the Future** : The Echo Public Library's community encompasses not only the areas within the city limits, but also includes the entire surrounding area. We work diligently to serve our community as well as planning for the future. We strive to improve the effectiveness of our welcoming atmosphere in our library everyday.

The Echo Public Library must consider not only the present needs of the community, but must try to anticipate future needs in order to give timely service. We also strive to listen to all of our patrons, young and old alike. Though the library attempts to give the best service possible to its regular users, it also has an obligation to update its collections and search for methods of service that will satisfy the needs of those in the community who have not traditionally been library users.

**Goal # 1: K-5 Youth Programs** - Focused on establishing/maintaining a lifelong relationship between the youth and the public library. By doing this we are hoping to foster a love of learning and reading in a safe atmosphere.

**Encourage participation:** The librarian will continue to work with the Echo School District and community members to provide information on what student interests are so that we can incorporate those ideas into real programs.

**Library Exposure:** The Echo School District does not have a library and that leaves the Echo Public Library to provide the only real exposure the students will get. This includes, but not limited to information on the collections, how to use the library and find items, library etiquette and much more. We are planning on re-engaging students from K-5th grade at the library once a month as we move towards a post COVID era. This will hopefully help us get back to a variety of activities that the library helps reinforce in our local childrens learning experiences. Each class has their own library cards, which allows each student an opportunity to check out materials before returning to the Echo School

District Campus.

**Summer Reading:** We will continue to offer a summer reading program that uses the IREAD by Librarians for Librarians this year and design activities, programs and select materials that closely support that theme.

Such a program not only exposes participating children to a variety of learning outlets including entertainment from actors both in person and digital that otherwise children in a small rural community might not be exposed to. Activities such as these help stimulate a good learning environment.

Using the experience and creativity of our staff we will design activities that are fun and educational for youth.

*Our Collection:* The theme will be used to aid in the selection of materials and supplies to help further learning activities.

*Other:* We will purchase supplies and snacks for library activities. Due to COVID-19 we have been providing “to go” sacks for all kids and have offered the programming via digital technology or outside depending on the weather. As we move out of the COVID times we plan on having more children in the Library.

**Story/Activity Time:** The library will continue to operate a weekly Story/Activity Time and encourage participation by area children in the program which features activities and reading time for the children. We have a large space in our community center to provide adequate room for our story times and activities. As well as taking the fun outside to our City Park next to City Hall.

*Evaluation of programming:* We encourage parents to join their kids throughout the Summer Reading Program and on the last day we will provide a questionnaire for feedback on the current programming and possible future ideas we could utilize.

**Priority(ies):** To encourage our young folks that the Library is an awesome place to come and feel safe.

**2022 activities:** Continue all programming and activities outlined above.

**Goal # 2: Adult Programs:** Encourage them to come back to our library and enjoy the updated materials and seek new opportunities.

We are considering different ways to achieve this goal by starting up a family game night again as we move out of COVID concerns. We now have an active Echo Book Club and get together to share our books and thoughts. We will keep the book club going as long participation stays strong.

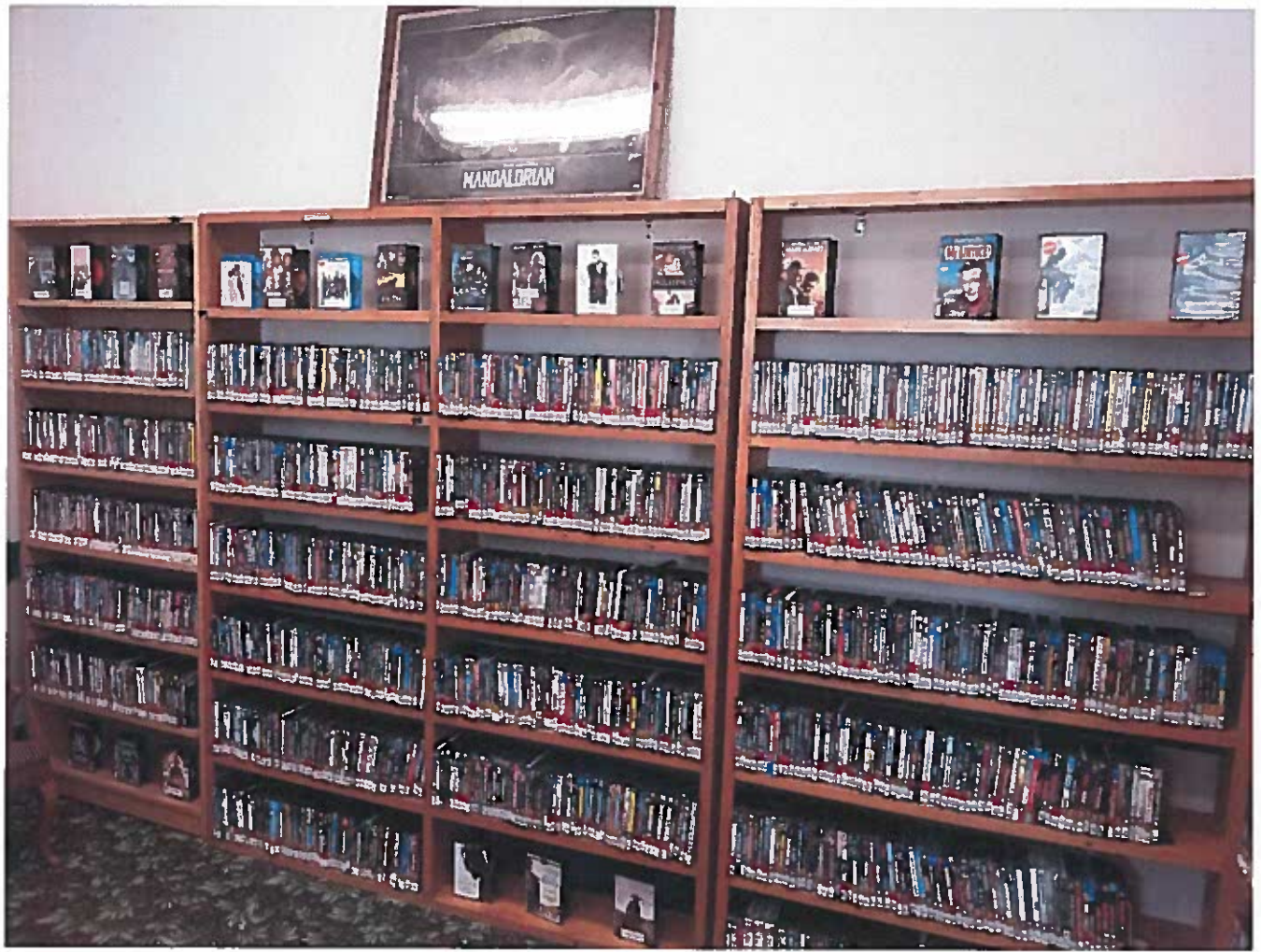
**Priority :** Building trust with our community is very important as nearly all of the Echo Public Staff are new. The Echo Public Library and the Echo School District are the focal points in the community and we need to find ways to build programming around these entities.

**Year 1 activities** Develop a list of potential programs and activities. Outreach through the newsletter, Facebook and a newsrelease to get input on community interests for programs.

Schedule a Christmas Open House with refreshments. Try to attract volunteers to make cookies and publicize event, plus schedule a special visit from Santa Claus.

**Year 2 activities:** Continue to add to list of potential program and presenters. Try to schedule at least one program per quarter. Publicize events.

**Year 3 and beyond activities:** Continue to add to list of potential program and presenters. Try to schedule at least one program every other month. Publicize events.



Results of Anna completely redoing our displays. They look GREAT!