




Helix Annual Library Service Plan

2022-2023



Targeted Areas of Focus

Goal 1

Technology

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

Goal 2

Community Relations

Focused on establishing the library as a vital presence in the community.

Goal 3

Early Childhood Programs

Focused on early childhood literacy that gets children ready to learn.

Goal 1

Technology

What community needs were addressed:

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.

What community needs did your goals meet:

- I wrote a UCCC grant to secure funds for two new computers. These computers will be used for a History Walk project for the community but also will be available for general patron use as well.
- Two more computers will be purchased from my library budget so there will be four brand new computers for patron use.
- I have added a section on the Web page for a “Library of Things”. Items will be available to check out for those that have a Helix Library card.



Goal 2

Community Relations

Focused on establishing the library as a vital presence in the community.

What community needs were addressed:

The need to have access to more while living in a rural setting is important. Sometimes you may need an item and do not wish to drive somewhere to get it. Having another reason to use the library by having a “Library of Things” will bring new interest to the library and increase patron use.

What community needs did your goals meet:

- A “Library of Things” was created to provide items for check out. It is easy to browse what is available because items have been added to our website. It will increase cardholders as it is required that you have a library card to check out these items and therefore it hopefully will establish the library as a vital presence because of what is offered.
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Helix Library

Dec 13, 2021 · 🌐

Added some holiday books to our Little Free Library! It's on the corner in front of the library, check it out!



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LIBRARY OF THINGS

Go beyond books, with Things! Things can be reserved on your schedule for future dates, like when you're ready to tackle that big project, or are planning a special gathering. Enjoy your new

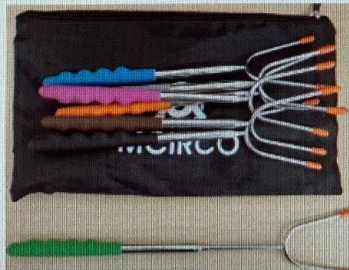
world of possibilities and browse the catalog of things now!



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Goal 3

Early Childhood Programs

Focused on early childhood literacy that gets children ready to learn.

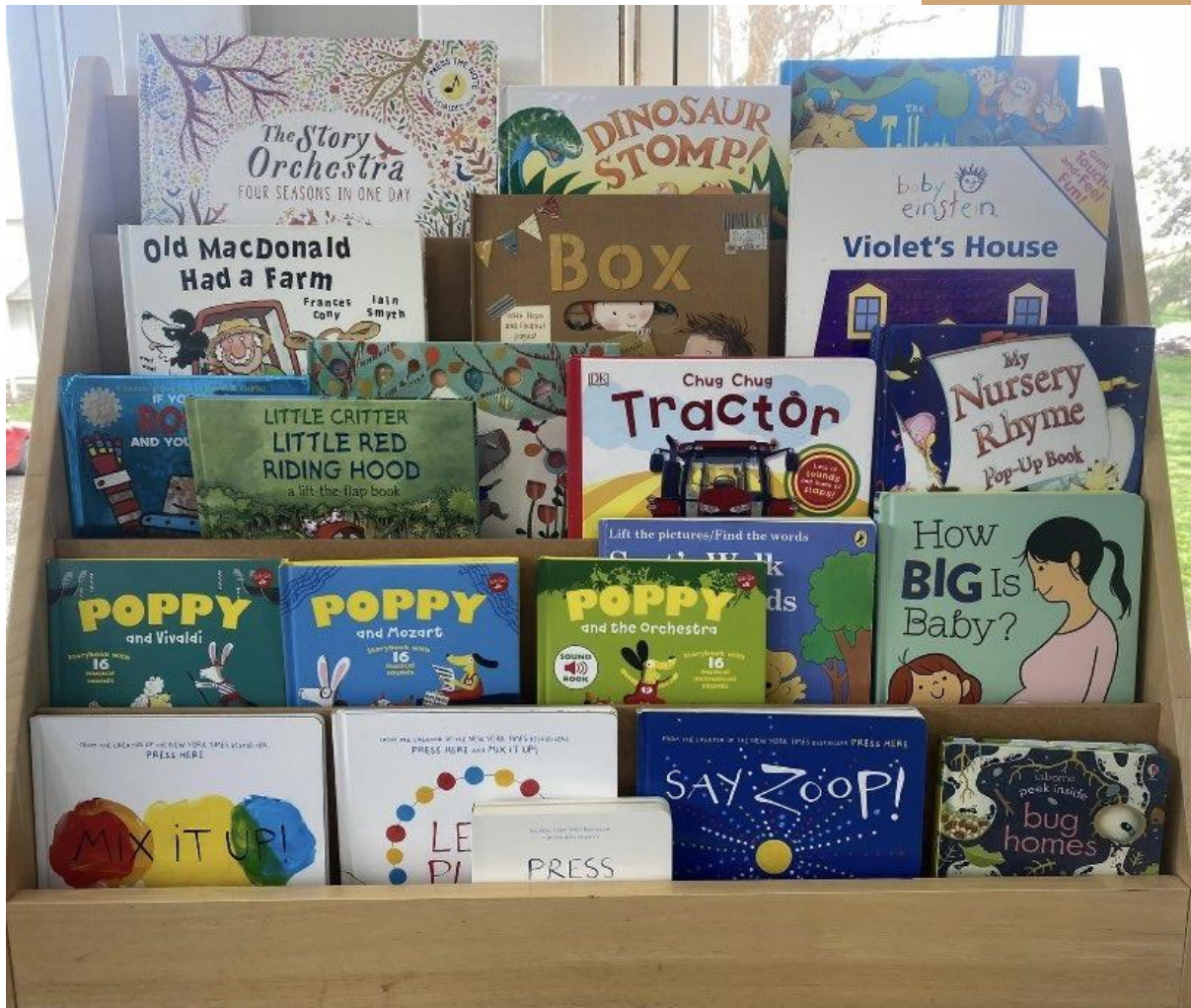
What community needs were addressed:

A need for a consistent, renewed preschool reading program after the instability due to Covid closures.

Community needs met:

- I created a space for sensory items that children and families can interact with whenever they come to the library.
 - I took bags full of books and library information to each home within the community where I new there was a Preschool age child. This outreach helped connect them with the library in a passive way but hopefully reached those that do not see FB posts.
 - I introduced “Pete the Cat” to the community and had events that encouraged all ages but especially early readers to come to the library
 - I had special promotions to encourage book check out to win prizes.
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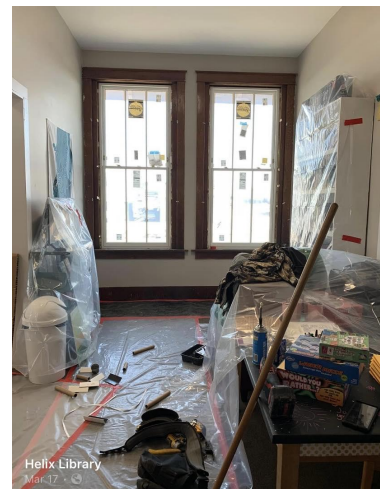
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Challenges in meeting the goals of the 2022-2023 ALSP

- Applying for a grant for the purchase of computers and researching the best kind of computer to get is time consuming.
- Making space to house the Library of Things items. Currently, I wish to move everything to a new location and have asked the City if I can use a storage room. The challenge for me is being patient! I want it to be the best user friendly space and have a vision but need to go through the proper channels. Also, updating the website to add a Library of Things was time consuming.
- Keeping a consistent Preschool program is always a challenge with their schedules, they nap!
- Another renovation, this time new windows in the building! Once again everything was displaced for a chunk of time. The challenge is real, to work in a space that is not put together can be difficult and requires programs to be cancelled.

Ways I created access for everyone within my community:

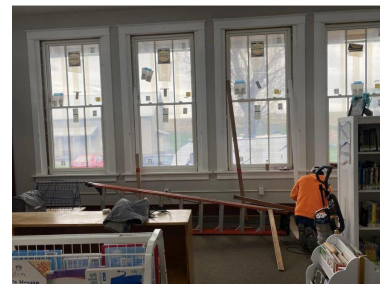
Provided programs for all ages and advertised on FB page.



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Window project is still happening and children's space is in disarray so no story time again this week. Fingers crossed for next week!



Community Partners:

- **City of Helix:** The City allows the library to store items in the basement of the building for programs and the Library of Things. They are also very supportive of any project I wish to offer the community.
- **Friends of the Public Library:** Prepared treat bags for the Halloween and Christmas events and attended these events. Also helped with free book distributions for school kids at the library.
- **Helix School:** Have the KEY Club help with programs at the library. Also, partnered with the school to allow students to attend free book distributions at the public library.
- **Helix Parks:** Held free concerts in the park for the community.

Actions taken to increase awareness of District support of library customers:

- Monica Hoffman from the District Take Off! Program visits our library for Preschool programs. The community is made aware by pictures posted on our FB page and community page. Monica has given free books to the children from the District as well.
- Having the Reading Roadtrip and letting patrons know that the prizes were sponsored by the District!
- UCSLD logo is used on interlibrary loan stickers.

What ways can UCSLD continue to support district libraries' staff members and customers?

Answering questions, sometimes more than once because being a Library Director is challenging and we don't always remember everything every day.

Support in the form of providing program assistance when needed. Also, having the ability to use District Take Off! Program kits and large books enables small libraries to have more variety when presenting programs.

The District could also be of support by organizing and offering on-site programs for library communities. Some of these may include how to use the Sage system and/or Libby, setting up health information programs or self defense classes from the Sheriff's department.

Verbal support/being cheerleaders for staff and Directors helps us strive for excellence! Like our library FB pages and see what we are doing.

Thank you for the work you do for us! I feel fortunate to be a part of the UCSLD.





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***Bad libraries build collections, good
libraries build services, great libraries
build communities.***

-R.David Lankes