Annual Library Service Plan – FY2023-24

Athena Public Library

Library Vision for the Future:

Athena Public Library is a bold and vibrant part of Athena, Oregon. We support and develop programs and collections that contribute meaning and value to community life.

1. **Goal:** Technology in the Library

Needs Addressing:
- The library is a staple of our community and in our rural area, access to printing, faxing, and internet is vital to our patrons.
- Teaching teens and other members of our community how to use different technology that is available to them.
- Increase awareness of resources available to our community through our library.
- Lack of continuing education opportunities and resources.

Priority(ies):
- Community Relations Program
- Technology
- Training Program

Year 1 Activities:
- Work with the school district for training opportunities and to assess needs.
- Create informational flyers to be shared with Junior and Senior classes about resources available to them.
- Work to obtain grants for better printing and faxing services.
- Host or provide continuing education opportunities whenever possible and obtain feedback as to what training is desired from our community members.

Year 2 Activities:
- Expand on what we have already done in the last year.
- Create public access and training for the library cricut machine.
- Get funding for the purchase of a new 3D printing machine. This was a great program and has been missed by the community since the loss of our last printer.
- Continue to provide training on computers as well as internet safety.

2. **Goal:** Expand Adult Services

Needs addressing:
We have made great progress in the last year accomplishing our goals. One area that has suffered and is in need of addressing is regular adult programs aside from our book club. Adult programs offer a place to connect and grow.

Priority(ies):
- Community Relations
- Adult Programs
- Welcoming/User Friendly Atmosphere

Year 1 Activities
- Expand our book club to include excursions outside the library and activities or crafts.
- Create an adult walking group to help with physical exercise, community connections and partnerships, and health literacy. Plan programs around this group.
- Schedule regular adult programs such as speakers, educational activities, and hands on crafts.

3. **Goal:** K-12 Programs

Needs addressing:
- Increase attendance at weekly story time, with a focus on preschool and kindergarten readiness.
- Build positive relationships with teens in our community and create a permanent teen internship program.
- Build on the libraries relationship with the school district and homeschool families.

Priorities:
- K-12 Youth Program
- Training Program
- Community Relations Program

Year 1 & 2 activities
- Teen internship during the summer.
- Get teen volunteers to assist with summer reading and create mentorship opportunities.
- Work to make our children's area a cozy place to stay and play.
  - additional seating in the children's section for parents.
  - kid friendly technology for early learning in the library.
- Continue upgrades and additions to Teen Room as budget/grant opportunities allow.
- Passive programming for teens. Rather than a teen advisory board which has had no success, we will continue to do what works and provide passive programs teens can engage in at the library.
- Build some inter-generational activities to create connections across the community.
- Support district teachers however possible.
  - Continue to send welcome and introduction letter at the beginning of every school year.
  - Enthusiastically respond to teacher requests/ideas
  - Initiate collaborative programs with the district whenever possible
  - Library field trips

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1. Early Childhood Program: Focused on early childhood literacy that gets children ready to learn.
2. K-12 Youth Programs: Focused on establishing/maintaining a lifelong relationship between the youth and the public library.
3. Adult Programs: Focused on continuing education programs, enhancement of economic viability, and lifelong learning. Includes outreach to seniors and the homebound.
4. Training Program: Focused on identifying and providing specific training needed by staff, board and volunteers that will strengthen skills, services, and programs.
5. Technology: Focused on significantly increasing web presence and technology resources to provide rural community access to the Internet, jobs, and skill learning.
6. Welcoming/User Friendly Atmosphere: Focused on developing a library that is a friendly, active and welcoming center of rural community life.
7. Effective Library Board: Focused on committed and effective Board, actively engaged in the governance and planning of the library.
8. Friends/Volunteer Program: Focused on utilizing Friends and Volunteers as active and effective resources to assist with access, services, program delivery, fundraising efforts, publicity and community relations.
9. Community Relations Program: Focused on establishing the library as a vital presence in the community.