




Helix Annual Library Service Plan

2021-2022



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

K-12 Youth Programs

Focused on establishing/maintaining a lifelong relationship between the youth and the public library.

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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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

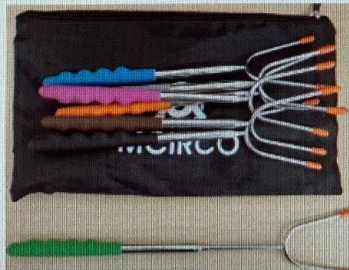
world of possibilities and browse the catalog of things now!



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Goal 3

Youth Programs

Focused on establishing/maintaining a lifelong relationship between the youth and the public library.

What community needs were addressed:

Living in Helix, the lack of activities for our youth is an issue. To offer more activities for our youth would help fill a void when it comes to entertainment or educational opportunities for our community.

Community needs met:

- I continue to find ways to engage the High School Youth to keep them interested in the library. I invited the HS Key Club to provide a program for the elementary. This brings both age groups together to interact.
- I provided opportunities for Seniors to work at the library for community service hours. In doing this they reconnect with the library which sometimes hasn't been a part of their lives any more. They do various jobs, sometimes working with

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Corn Hole in the Country





Challenges in meeting the goals of the 2020-2021 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 was challenging. It required getting rid of things and rearranging a lot of areas to make the space user friendly. Also, updating the website to add a Library of Things was time consuming.
- Keeping youth involved is a constant marketing challenge. I am always trying to figure out new and interesting ways to make them want to come. Asking the KEY Club to assist with programs helps with some of this challenge because they help to get younger kids to come to activities.

Ways I created access for everyone within my community:

Provided programs for all ages and advertised on FB page.

Community Partners:

- **City of Helix:** A City Council member attends Library Board meetings to provide feedback and communication. The City allows the library to store items in the basement of the building for programs and Library of Things.
- **Friends of the Public Library:** Prepared treat bags for the Halloween and Christmas outdoor events and attended these events. Also helped with the free book distribution 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 Art in the Park and Teen Summer programs in park.

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.
- Erin sets up Library Board meetings via Zoom and has visited and answered questions at these meetings.
- 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