



ATHENA

Public Library

Annual Library Service Plan Review
2022-2023

Library Vision

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.



Goals

Technology in the Library

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Expand Adult Services

02

K-12 Programs

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Community Needs



Technology

- RURAL ACCESS TO PRINT, FAX, AND INTERNET
- TECHNOLOGY TRAINING



Adult Services

- COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- ADULT PROGRAMS
- WELCOMING/USER FRIENDLY
- ATMOSPHERE



K-12 Programs

- ALL AGES PROGRAMS
- EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Technology in the Library

Thanks to funding from our Library Board, we were able to purchase a 3D printer. Our previous one had been broken for years. This year I attended OLA and got to speak at a 3D printing in the library session. I also learned different ways we can make this program successful in our library.



The Library needed a better way to advertise our programs. We now have a digital advertising tv in our entrance area that shows upcoming programs, news, and more. We will hopefully be getting a window display one soon for all hours advertising. We also received a new printer funded by our city which makes printing flyers and program materials so much easier, and also allows access for our patrons free print and fax services.



The Library was awarded a \$4,500 AWERE grant to purchase a learning station for kids age 3-6. This is an educational computer preloaded with STEAM games and content. Parents can sit alongside their little ones as they learn to navigate the technology which will be a huge part of their lives in a safe and educational manner.





Expand Adult Services

- Regular adult book club
- Increased adult crafts
- Included at least one additional adult program during summer reading
- Adult summer reading bingo
- Year long reading challenges for adults





K-12 Programs

Started a Teen Advisory Board where teens get to help plan events for teens.
Teen Summer internship with two interns this year.
Coordinated with the High School for monthly class visits to the library to check out books.

This year we had a successful summer reading program with more participation than the previous year. We did advertising in the schools for grades pre-k through 5th grade which helped raise awareness about our program. We had programs for all ages with 100% more attendance than last year. We also had multiple passive programs and had more teens participate in summer reading as well.

Other programs that have been successful and outgoing are weekly story time, in our library and at the school and weekly crafter-noon. The library also has a middle school book club that meets here and a middle school D&D group.



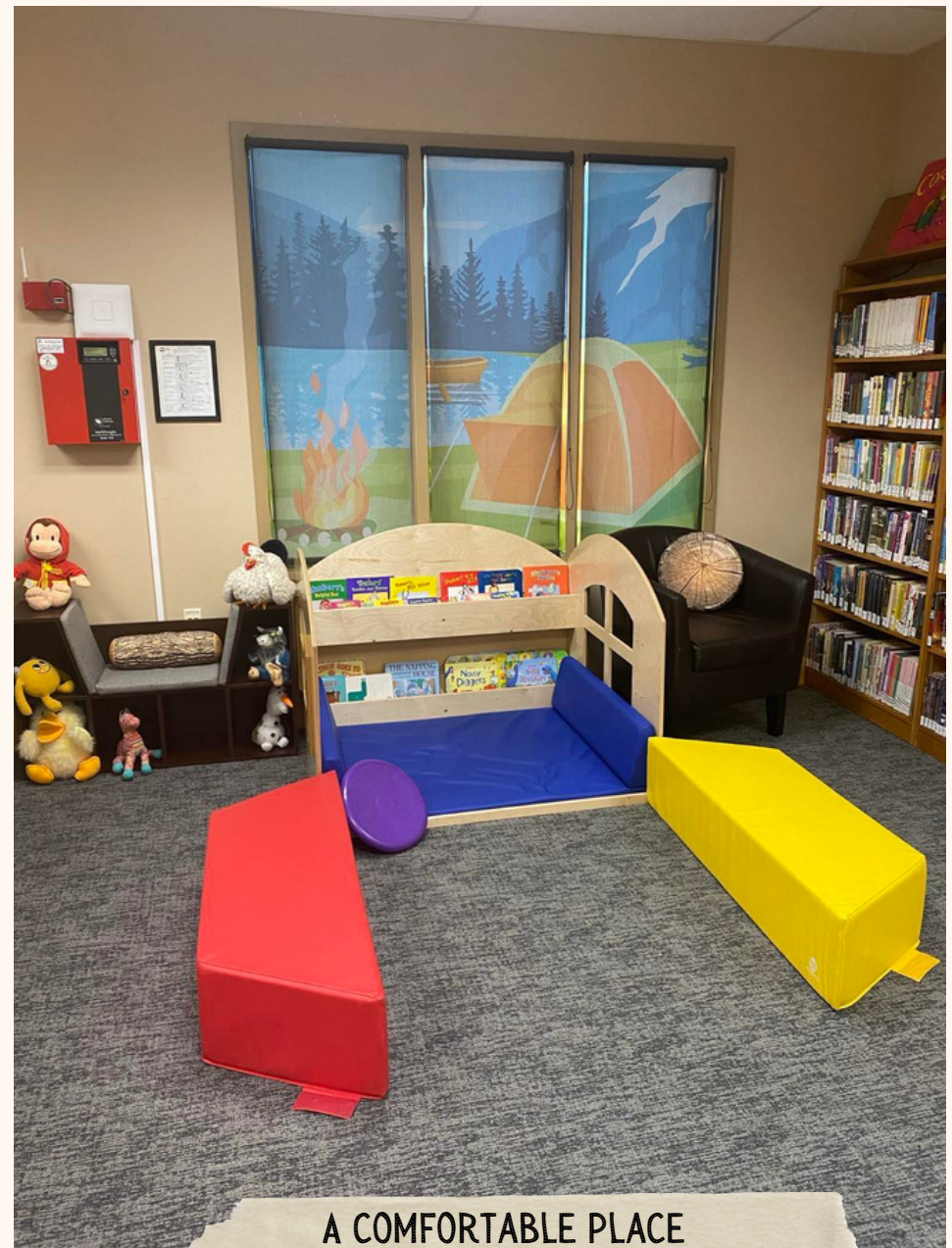


MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PARADE



TEENS COLORING DURING A CLASS VISIT

A COMFY, USER FRIENDLY TEEN ROOM.
FURNITURE FUNDED BY OUR
ATHENA LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

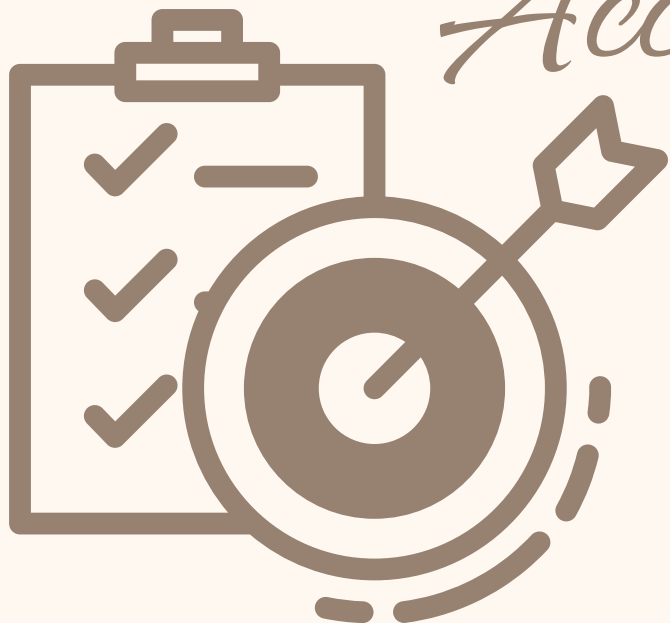


A COMFORTABLE PLACE
FOR KIDS TO PLAY AND READ
WITH THEIR PARENTS





Accomplishments



This year we have accomplished so many of our goals that we will be able to move on to other goals we would like to work on. Some of those accomplishments are as follows:

- New 3-D printer program
- AWE Learning station for kids 3+
- New printer for the library - Free printing services for all
- Television program advertising
- Expanded advertising to reach more of the community
- K-12 programs have been extremely successful, showing that what we have been doing to increase awareness of our programs is working.
- Being open to change and adjust to meet the needs of our community

Challenges

I have a huge list of things I would like to accomplish for our library and our community. My biggest challenge is recognizing what I can realistically accomplish within my budget, hours, and resources. Some of the things we have faced challenges like this with are listed below:

- Adult Services
- Teen Programs





Partners

- UCSLD
- Weston, Adams, Helix libraries
- Monica Hoffman, Takeoff Program
- Athena Library Board
- Athena Library Friends Association
- Libraries of Eastern Oregon
- Athena Weston School District

This year we have partnered with the District and other libraries for a reading road trip. I have also partnered with the school district and Weston Library to provide story time to our local preschools. I have collaborated with my Library Board and Friends Association to help fund and enhance our programs.

UCSLD

This year we have increased community awareness and support of the UCSLD by working together to bring collaborative programs to Umatilla County, increase training opportunities and I have had the pleasure of serving on two committees that work to plan our in-service training and district wide programs.

Some great tools for sharing about the district have been the bookmarks Heather sent us, sharing the logo and information about the district on our program materials. Heather's use of the article in the EO has gotten great feedback in my community.

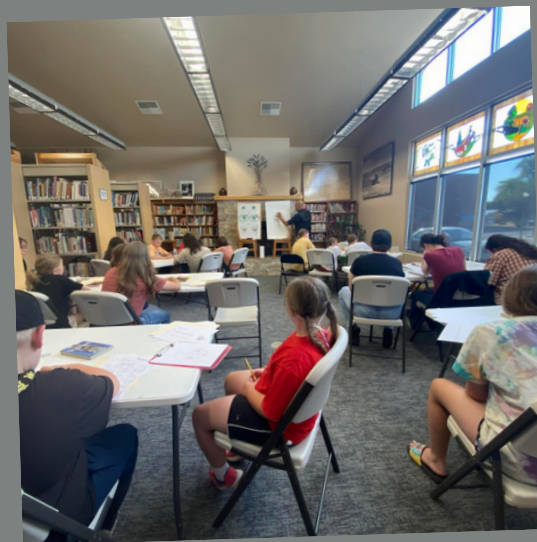
Continued Support

- Training opportunities
- Share about our work
- Collaborative opportunities
- Tech support?





TEEN TIME WITH TATTOOS



ANIME YOUR WAY PROGRAM



STORY TIME WITH MONICA

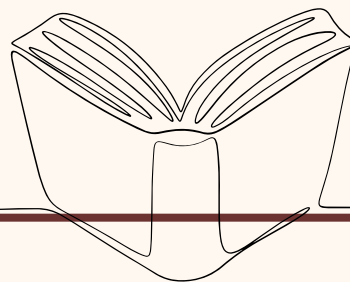


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Thank You



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