



2024-2025
ANNUAL LIBRARY SERVICE
PLAN REPORT

Adams Public Library

LIBRARY MISSION

The Adams Public Library strives to inform, enlighten, and empower all of our community members. The library upholds the right of all Americans to freely express their thoughts and ideas. We support the right of each individual to read, listen, and view the full range of published thoughts and ideas, and will endeavor to provide appropriate resources in support of the information and recreational needs of area residents, and thereby, to be a center for community enrichment and lifelong learning.





GOAL #1

- To combine Storytime with other crafts and activities that will teach them new skills and be fun while learning and playing.
- Utilize the Teen Advisory Board to plan programs and events.

Community Needs

The Community of Adams needs programs based on their scheduling needs around work and school.

Priority

K-12 Youth Programs: Focused on establishing/maintaining a lifelong relationship between the youth and the public library.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES



- Storytime has been well attended with participation numbers growing. It has been difficult to integrate the crafts and activities into Storytime as keeping kiddos interested has been difficult.
- The Teen Advisory Board has been very successful at planning events, and the events have been well attended. Recently, the number of teens has dwindled with kids "aging out".

GOAL #2

- To offer programs and events for adults that are free and fun for our adult community.
- To offer programs that can teach them new skills and spark new interests.
- To build stronger connections with the adult community, hopefully building strong relationship foundations.

Community Needs

Adults in our community have little to no access to free programs and events that they do not have to travel to and that are during a time that is convenient to work hours. The adults in our community need the opportunity to connect with the library and to connect with each other, to build stronger relationships.

Priority

Adult Programs: Focused on continuing education, social connections, and relationship building with community patrons.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES



- Attendance for adult programs has gone up considerably. A variety of crafts, discussion groups, and book club has helped create an enthusiastic group of adults that regularly attend programs and that have developed strong connections within our community.
- Scheduling programs as frequently as I would like has been a challenge. Working within budget and time restrictions has made it difficult to offer as many programs and events as I would prefer but we continue to be as consistent as possible.
- We offer a place for kids to play during adult programs in case childcare is an issue. Most of these programs become a mix of parents and kiddos.

GOAL #3

- To raise awareness of the resources, opportunities, and information available at the library.
- To gear our services more closely to the needs of the community.

Community Needs

The Adams community needs up to date access and knowledge of resources available at the library and to have the opportunity to request more/different resources.

Priority

Community Relations & Marketing: Focused on establishing the library as a vital presence in the community.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- Offering resource information directly at the front of the library has drawn attention to the information we have to offer.
- Talking the community about resources and encouraging them to share the information has helped to spread awareness on what resources we have to offer.
- The needs for our community are limited, however taking the time to talk to patrons about what they want offered has provided insight into what I can offer in the library.





GOAL #4

- Work towards providing a space where more patrons can attend events and programs in an atmosphere that feels comfortable and conducive to our community's needs.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Our community needs a space that has a little something for everyone. We serve patrons of all ages but only have a small children's area.

PRIORITY

Welcoming/User Friendly Atmosphere: Focused on developing a library that is a friendly, active and welcoming center of rural community life

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES



- We have set the library up in such a way that we have utilized the space we have as well as we can to provide more items for the patrons while also being able to utilize the space more efficiently for events.
- We are currently in the process of applying for grants for taller bookshelves in every section.
- Though we have plans for taller bookshelves, it is a waiting game as we must wait for grant application responses before we can move forward with the bookshelf purchases.

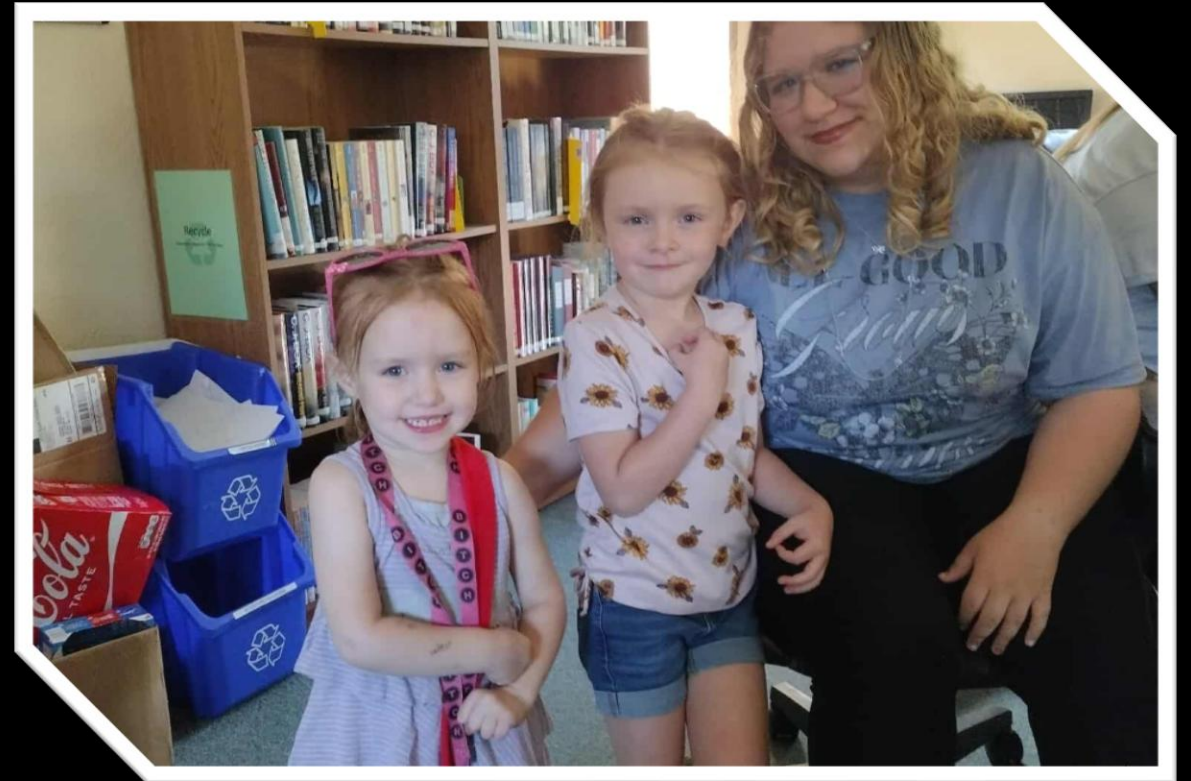
PATRON ACCESS

- We are working towards a solution to keep the library open later in the evenings while still being open Monday through Friday.
- We continue to advertise our events and programs through social media and with flyers.
- Many of our patrons have started using Sage and Libby and have been telling others about these apps and how to use them.



PARTNERS

- Umatilla County Special Library District
- State Library of Oregon
- Adams Friends Association
- City of Adams- Public Works
- Children Services Division
- Umatilla County Libraries
- Library Board



AWARENESS

- Social Media
 - Flyers
- Verbal Discussion
 - Parades





UCSLD SUPPORT

The UCSLD does an amazing job of supporting our libraries. Our patrons loved the collaborative Passport Program and would love to see more programs like this that provide the opportunity to raise awareness for Sage and Libby.