Annual Library Service Plan – FY2022-23

Athena Public Library

<u>Library Vision for the Future:</u>

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. **<u>Goal:</u>** 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.

2. **Goal:** Build mobile library services

Needs addressing:
The Athena Library now has a book bike, and will continue to build on this service. We have seen that taking services outside the library builds relationships, library services awareness, and offers a chance to reach those we do not normally see in the building.

Priority(ies):
- Community Relations
- K-12 Youth Programs
- Adult Programs
- Welcoming/User Friendly Atmosphere

Year 1 Activities
- Have the Book Bike regularly attend Tuesday Market.
- Write Book Bike Policies and Procedures and Best Practices
- Determine the best schedule for Book Bike to ensure consistency that patrons can rely on.
- Ride Book Bike in area parades.
- Track statistics to measure the success of the Book Bike.

Year 2 Activities
- Incorporate book bike hours into our regular schedule for spring and summer months
- Have opportunities to use the book bike for giveaway books.
- Evaluate the success of the Book Bike for future use.

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 the Teen Advisory Board that was previously part of this goal.
- Area students have a community service requirement for graduation and many have expressed interest in fulfilling that requirement at the library.

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

Year 1 & 2 activities
- Teen internship summer of 2022.
- 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.
- Continue upgrades and additions to Teen Room as budget/grant opportunities allow.
- Build Teen Advisory Board
  - What responsibilities will the TAB have?
  - What priviledges will the TAB have?
  - How many members on the TAB?
- 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

UCSLD 9 Priorities

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.