

Annual Library Service Plan – FY2021-2022

Adams Public Library

Library Vision for the Future:

It is the Adams Public Library's vision to provide appropriate resources in support of the information and recreational needs of area residents, and thereby be a center for community enrichment and lifelong learning.

1. **Goal:** Re-establish weekly story time for youth and their families. Work to obtain grants or funding to create a facility or community space so that this can continue year round.

What community needs are you addressing:

- Due to covid restrictions and space limitations within our library, we have been unable to provide any kind of story time.
- Our community needs a facility that can host programs year round. We have been forced to stop all programs until the weather permits us to move outdoors to our city park.
- This is not only a covid related problem but addresses an overall issue within our community. As our programs grow we are faced with the issue of having to limit attendance due to lack of space.

Priority(ies):

- Early Childhood Program

FY2021-2022 - Year 1 activities

- Outdoor programs for the duration of summer such as weekly story times and crafternoons
- Short term: weather proof our community shelter to host programs
- Long term: Work on obtaining grants to fund a large structure/community gathering place that can be used year round.

FY2022-2023 - Year 2

- Continue to raise funds to expand our space. This will take more than one year to accomplish.
- Continue with youth story time. Share information about the advantages of early literacy.

2. **Goal:** Create teen programming.

What community needs are you addressing:

- Community feedback as well as a community survey has shown that there is a need for and lack of teen services in our community.
- There has been an increase in vandalism and other issues that I believe are due to boredom and a lack of creative outlets. In a community that requires a commute to anything recreational and school closures leaving youth on their own for much of the day, our community needs a program that can help kids engage in responsible, educational and fun activities.

Priority(ies):

- K-12 Youth programs
- Welcoming/User Friendly Atmosphere
- Technology

FY2021-2022 - Year 1 activities

- Create a survey for youth to indicate what kinds of activities they would be interested in.
- Include inserts in our water billing twice a year to get the word out about our summer reading and other free services at the library
- Obtain additional funding through grants and community outreach to fund programs once a month for a year.
- Update library space to create a more user friendly and inviting atmosphere. Our childrens section is welcoming and our facility is clean and user friendly to adults. Teens may feel out of place not having an area that appeals to them or makes them feel welcome.

FY2022-2023 - Year 2

- Evaluate the success of our program and make changes as needed.
- I would like to work with Athena and Weston libraries to see where we can partner, what is working for them, and how we can work together to bring our communities together.

FY2023-2024 - Year 3 and beyond activities

- Plan for and budget for monthly teen programs to become a regular part of our library services.

3. Goal: Increase community outreach.

What community needs are you addressing:

- Community awareness of library services
- Educational opportunities in our area

Priority(ies):

- Community Relations Program

FY2021-2022 - Year 1 activities

- Water bill inserts. There are many new families in town and this is a great way to ensure everyone is informed about library services. We will be sending out an invitation for youth to join our summer reading program and including information about services we offer for adults as well.
- Participate in planning a community picnic and host a library sign up booth at this event.
- Revitalize our online presence and consider separating the library facebook page from the city facebook. This would allow for people to choose which page they are interested in and what information they are looking for. This would also allow the library to post more content without overshadowing city notices.
- Continue with programs like our summer story walks that anyone can enjoy, even outside library hours.

FY2022-2023 - Year 2

- Host two events per year that are all ages. Events outside the library that are free to attend have proven in the past to be one of the most effective ways to share about library services.
- Host a library open house and book sale

FY2023-2024 - Year 3 and beyond activities

- Create a program/flyer that can be run by a friends group to welcome new families in town and inform them of library services.