

Annual Library Service Plan – FY2026–2027
Echo Public Library

Library Vision for the Future

The Echo Public Library strives to be a welcoming community hub that supports lifelong learning, literacy, and connections for all residents. The library serves both the city and surrounding rural areas by providing access to resources, programs, and services that meet evolving community needs while maintaining a safe and inclusive environment.

1. Goal: Strengthen Youth Engagement and Community-Based Learning

Community Need:

While the Echo School District is beginning to develop its own library services, students still have limited access to diverse materials, enrichment programs, and community-based learning opportunities outside of school. There is also a need to maintain strong connections between youth and the public library to encourage lifelong library use.

Priorities:

K-12 Youth Programs, Community Relations & Partnerships

FY2026–2027 – Year 1 Activities

- Continue supporting school visits as schedules allow
- Shift focus to after-school, summer, and family-based programming
- Maintain Summer Reading Program and regional collaborations
- Expand activities that encourage independent library use (crafts, passive programs, events)
- Explore outreach opportunities beyond school visits

FY2027–2028 – Year 2 Activities

- Evaluate program attendance and community feedback
- Strengthen partnerships with school and local organizations
- Expand outreach to families not currently participating

FY2028–2029 – Year 3 and Beyond Activities

- Sustain successful programs and partnerships
- Seek additional funding or grants for youth programming and literacy support

2. Goal: Expand Adult Programming and Community Partnerships

Community Need:

Residents in a rural community have limited access to social, educational, and cultural opportunities. There is a need for increased collaboration between the library, local businesses, and community organizations to provide meaningful programs and strengthen community connections.

Priorities:

Adult Programs, Community Relations & Partnerships

FY2026–2027 – Year 1 Activities

- Continue and grow Book Club participation
- Maintain and expand partnerships (e.g., Garden Club and other local groups)
- Begin outreach to local businesses and organizations for program collaboration
- Host at least quarterly programs featuring community partners
- Gather input from residents on desired programs

FY2027–2028 – Year 2 Activities

- Increase number and variety of partnerships (businesses, clubs, organizations)
- Develop recurring collaborative programs or events
- Improve marketing and visibility of programs

FY2028–2029 – Year 3 and Beyond Activities

- Establish the library as a central hub for community partnerships
- Maintain consistent programming supported by local collaborators

3. Goal: Enhance Library Accessibility, Technology, and Welcoming Environment

Community Need:

Residents need accessible technology, updated facilities, and a welcoming space that supports all users, including those with accessibility needs.

Priorities:

Technology, Welcoming Atmosphere

FY2026–2027 – Year 1 Activities

- Continue implementing technology and accessibility upgrades
- Improve library layout and usability of public spaces
- Maintain a clean, welcoming, and functional environment

FY2027–2028 – Year 2 Activities

- Evaluate technology usage and identify additional needs
- Explore expanding digital services or online presence

FY2028–2029 – Year 3 and Beyond Activities

- Continue updating technology as funding allows
- Maintain accessible and inclusive library services

4. Goal: Evaluate and Sustain Library Services

Community Need:

Ongoing evaluation helps ensure library programs, services, and partnerships continue to meet community needs and support long-term planning and funding opportunities.

Priorities:

Assessment, Community Feedback, Strategic Planning

FY2026–2027 – Year 1 Activities

- Track program attendance and participation
- Gather community feedback through conversations, surveys, and informal input
- Review library usage statistics and technology usage
- Conduct annual review of service plan progress with library staff and board members

FY2027–2028 – Year 2 Activities

- Evaluate trends in participation and community needs
- Adjust programs and services based on feedback and usage data
- Identify opportunities for additional funding and partnerships

FY2028–2029 – Year 3 and Beyond Activities

- Continue annual assessment and long-range planning
- Maintain responsive services based on changing community needs
- Use evaluation data to support grant applications and future library planning