

Annual Library Service Plan – FY 2025-2026

Weston Public Library

Library Vision for the Future:

Weston Public Library's staff and board support our mission to serve the greater Weston community through:

- Outstanding patron Service
- Library collections that meet the needs of our community and encompass a wide range of thought and expression
- Incorporation of current information technology
- An inviting and user friendly facility
- Active involvement in the community
- A wide range of youth and adult programming
- Training staff, board and volunteers

FY 2025-2026 represents year two of a 3-year plan outlining goals for our library. This fiscal year we will continue to rebuild library programs and services hampered by quarantine and the resultant restructuring we have all experienced. We have worked for the to reestablish basic programs and services that were discontinued during the pandemic shutdown, experiencing some return, but more is surely possible. In the coming years, we will continue those efforts, with special attention to services that still prove viable such as curbside delivery, home delivery, and outdoor activities. FY 2024-2025 was spent by our new library director in learning to navigate the management responsibilities of librarianship. FY 2025-2026 will be spent continuing to rebuild, replace some of the outmoded programs and materials, and look ahead to what really works for our community needs. Nothing that is still in use was discarded, but the library's longtime leaning toward local history, public outreach, and science education was intensified. FY 2024-2025 showed that small steps and slow growth are just as valuable as large leaps in service, so this FY 2025-2026 plan will not vary dramatically from last FY.

1. Goal: To increase Library use and promote literacy in our youth

What community needs are you addressing: The need to nurture and grow library users in the community. To enhance literacy in our community, starting with youth.

Priorities: Early Childhood Programs, K-12 Youth Programs

FY 2025-2026 – Year 2 activities

- Continue all successful activities from Year 1
- Offer at least 25 preschool storytime sessions
- Offer 6 weeks of Summer Reading Program activities
- Provide readers' advisory services
- Manage the library collection, including acquisition, weeding and materials preservation
- Offer special library events for kids, i.e. Santa visits, Trick or Treating, book bag handouts
- Offer at least 3 after school Library activities for youth

FY 2026-2027 – Year 3 activities

- Continue all successful activities from Year 2
- Offer at least 3 science and/or history programs specific to young library users

FY 2027-2028 – Year 1 activities, beginning of new planning cycle

- Continue to offer all successful Year 3 activities
- Pursue educational partnerships with other county entities

2. **Goal: To promote the Library as a friendly, active center of rural community life**

What community needs are you addressing: The need for members of the community to get back into the habit of using the library for recreation, research, and public computer use after two years of limited access to the facility due to the pandemic.

Priorities: Welcoming/User Friendly Atmosphere

FY 2025-2026 -Year 2 activities

- Offer 12 monthly adult book group sessions
- Host Friends of Weston Library annual meeting, featuring a guest speaker
- Host Friends of Weston Library annual used book sale
- Host 1 speaker of interest per quarter
- Continue book delivery and curbside
- Hold regular monthly meetings in the library building
- Acquire and stock an aquarium
- Repair back deck
- Install a window seat
- Hold small programs outdoors in the library yard and on the library deck

FY 2026-2027 – Year 3 activities

- Continue all successful activities from Year 2
- Increase speakers to 2 per quarter
- Acquire and install another reading chair
- Acquire and install a light over the children’s area reading chair

FY 2027-2028 -Year 1 activities, beginning of new planning cycle

- Continue to offer all successful Year 3 activities
- Increase special programming

3. Goal: To promote the Library as an integral part of City government

What community needs are you addressing: The need for members of the community to recognize the library as another valuable resource for city government and citizen needs.

Priorities: Accepting Some Carefully Chosen New Responsibilities

FY 2025-2026 – Year 2 activities

- Continue all successful activities from Year 1
- Take on the clerical responsibilities of the Weston Cemetery
- Implement Medical Telehealth meetings

FY 2026-2027 – Year 3 activities

- Continue all successful activities from Year 2
- Search out and implement distance learning resources

FY 2026-2027 – Year 1 activities, beginning of new planning cycle

- Continue all successful activities from Year 3
- Search out and implement video support groups for senior health