

Annual Library Service Plan – FY2019-20

Athena Public Library

Library Vision for the Future:

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. **Goal:** Increase services to K-12 population.

Needs addressing:

- Felt need in the community for after school activities for kids.
- Observed interest in growing group of middle school students who enjoy being in the library.
- Need to engage teens more deeply with library programs and services.
- Need for dedicated space for teens.

Priorities:

- K-12 Youth Program
- Community Relations
- Welcoming/User Friendly Atmosphere

Year 2 activities (2019 – 2020)

- Work to build teen advisory board
- Finish and open new teen room.
- Continue weekly programs for elementary kids
- Start up weekly programs for teens (teen crafting nights, coding clubs)
- Continue to support school district OBOB teams as they expand into elementary and high levels, hopefully as high school team sponsor.

2. Goal: Increase adult attendance at library programming.

Needs addressing:

- Recent community survey indicated need for programming and events at the library.
- The library board would like to see more adults in the library.

Priority(ies):

- Adult Program
- Community Relations
- Welcoming/User Friendly Atmosphere

Year 2 activities (2019-2020)

- Work to build up monthly adult book club
- Develop adult focused programs that compliment summer reading program theme
- Participate in community events: Tuesday market, community night out, Christmas tree lighting, etc
- Continue assessing community needs and desires around adult programming
- Build health related programming (exercise programs, 5k club, healthy cooking, etc)

Year 3 and beyond activities (2020- ?)

- Write grant to support a community wide (possibly county wide?) One Book program (possibly National Endowment for the Arts Big Read or similar)
- Collaborate with other community organizations (Chamber of Commerce, Mainstreet Association, service organizations, school groups, churches, etc) to build community wide event (a la Fishtrap), possibly built around the One Book.

3. Goal: Create a vibrant volunteer program and support the growth and revitalization of Athena Library Friends Association (ALFA).

Needs addressing:

- ALFA is struggling to keep its membership up.
- The formerly vibrant library art committee is dead.
- Area students have a community service requirement for graduation and many have expressed interest in fulfilling that requirement at the library.

Priorities:

- Friends/Volunteer Program
- Training Program
- Community Relations Program

Year 2 activities (2019 – 2020)

- Work with ALFA to participate in community events outside of the library.
- Help build ALFA's name recognition in the community
- Work with ALFA to create priorities and develop annual budget around those priorities
- Work with ALFA to present a big program/event as part of an annual meeting. This will help draw new members and bring awareness of ALFA and the library.

Year 3 and beyond activities (2020 - ?)

- Continue program based annual meetings
- Build strong "back bench" of ALFA members ready to move into positions of leadership as they come open.

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.