



Adams Public Library

Annual Library Service Plan Review

2019-2020 Goals

- Goal 1: Create a program to encourage young children and their parents to read together and learn about the advantages of early literacy.
- Goal 2: Create an adult book club
- Goal 3: To have one or more members of the library board attend a library in-service or educational event each year and participate in library planning as voices of the community.

Community Needs

#1: In a community that primarily commutes to and from work and recreational activities this program will serve local families that can not commute or have limited resources for early childhood education.

#2: To encourage adults to regularly read and visit the library.

Provide an opportunity and facility where adults can engage and discuss with others within the community.

“ Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true.” RBG

#3: To further enhance the education of our library board members, as they play a vital role in addressing community needs.

“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it” Marian Wright Edelman

Accomplishments

- * Weekly story time: In addition to our yearly summer reading program we now have a weekly story time. I wanted to establish regular programming at our library that would encourage reading and early literacy.
- * Despite the closures and uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 I am happy to say we did have a successful summer reading program this year. We were able to reopen to the public and get reading packets handed out. Over 35 reading packets were given out and 26 were returned with completed reading logs. Altogether the youth in Adams read over 279 hours over the course of the 10 week reading program.
- * So far we have had one book club meeting with many more to come. This is a new venture for our library that has been on our ALSP in the past. Due to Covid-19 the book club started a little later than planned, however, we currently have our first book out with 6 members in our book club. I hope to see this number grow each month and to see adults enjoying reading, visiting the library, and taking some time for themselves to engage with others and potentially further their education.

Story Time

Story time has become a weekly program that kids can look forward to and encourages families to visit the library regularly. I am so happy to see the kids getting excited about reading. I wanted to establish a consistent program families could plan for. This was successful until Covid-19 caused our first shut down in March.

During our closure I provided grab bags and curbside service with the occasional take home craft kit. I did not venture into online story time. Once we reached phases 1 & 2, we started outdoor story time and story walks in our park.



Partners

I would like to thank the people that have helped me accomplish some of my goals through out the year, even as they changed due to Covid-19.

I am lucky to have such a supportive City Council that sees the value of our library. Throughout our summer reading I had the help of our City Maintenance worker Kelly. She helped set up for our story walks in the park. She has also helped to ensure the park shelter or grass was clean and ready for our “social distance story time” which has been held in the park. She also allowed me to place two recycle bins for cans in our park and by our can machines. The proceeds from these go to help fund library programming.

In the next year I would like to reach out and expand my partnerships to local businesses so that we can do more for our community. I would like to hold an adult summer reading program in addition to our youth program. I would also like to grow the involvement of my library board and create a friends group.

It was our plan to partner with neighboring libraries to bring The Traveling Lantern and Border Collie International to our community at an affordable cost. This was cancelled due to Covid-19 and I am hoping we can try again next year.

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Directors meetings are a great way for us to share information and ideas. As a new director attending these meetings and getting to know my fellow library directors has been so educational. These meetings allow us to discuss what we have done, what has worked and what didn't, and what we would like to do.

During a time where we have faced many "unprecedented" situations such as our extended closures and figuring out the best way to serve our communities during a pandemic, hearing what others are doing has been a huge asset. In this way we not only support each other but we provide better support to our patrons

Being part of the district means being part of a community to me and really raises awareness about our other communities and towns. I think especially with current events it's nice to be reminded of our neighboring communities, and to see we are all going through the same struggles, to see different ideas of how to handle it and how to continue to provide our best service to our patrons.

This year the Adams Library got participate in the "food for fines" program which helped us clear many accounts and donate 3 large boxes of food to our local food pantry. Thanks to Erin the Adams Library was also highlighted in the EO article.

I am looking forward to Erin assisting with some board training for my library board. This is planned for October 5, 2020.





Dragons Love Tacos story time and craft





Questions?