

Goals and Objectives

I. The Hudson Public Library will provide a "commons environment" whereby citizens can meet and interact with others in the community and participate in public discourse about community issues.

A. Continue use of the library as a location for Senior Citizens to congregate by facilitating 4 programs or special events per year in addition to existing services.

B. Continue development of comprehensive programming to encompass youth of all ages, to include preschool story-time, after-school youth and young adults.

C. Be responsive to the requests of the public and the needs of the community in looking toward additional services.

D. Form partnerships with businesses and educational institutions to provide educational opportunities to patrons.

II. The Hudson Public Library will provide "information literacy" services to help address the need of the public to find, evaluate, and use information effectively.

A. Recruit and train staff to be effective educators and helpmates in the use of computers and technology, current and developing.

B. Conduct "On Demand" computer usage and technology classes including professional, academic, creative, and personal software and applications.

C. Further develop the library website to expand the reach of library services.

D. Provide databases and knowledgeable staff to help use and evaluate electronic resources.

III. The Hudson Public Library will provide "lifelong learning" opportunities and services to help address the desire for self-directed personal growth and development.

A. Implement quality materials selection practices in developing a viable library collection for the next generation of library users.

B. Provide and maintain multi-media computers, equipment, and software applications to ensure patron access to needed technologies.

C. Provide equality of access to collections, technology and programming to meet the recreational and educational interests of patrons of all ages.

D. Introduce children to the joy of reading at an early age through early literacy programs and outreach services.

- E. Raise public awareness of learning opportunities available through library provided services.
- F. Encourage new users to visit the library, to develop a love of books and reading, and to introduce them to services available at the library.

IV. The Hudson Public Library will provide cultural opportunities and experiences that will enrich the lives of library patrons.

- A. Expand on existing musical opportunities and recitals.
- B. Facilitate personal development in the area of literature by hosting reading clubs, providing writing development tools, and adding special programs by authors.
- C. Continue to sponsor visual art displays and guest artists.
- D. Provide activities to experience diverse cultural opportunities.

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