

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY

STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-2017

- I. Service: The Amherst Public Library strives to deliver exceptional service as it provides opportunities for information, entertainment, and personal enrichment to the community at large.**
- A. Collections: The library will provide conveniently accessible materials for patrons of all ages.**
1. Physical collections will include selections in a variety of formats, keeping abreast of new and evolving technologies, as well as preserving traditional formats.
 2. Digital collections of historical archives, databases, and downloadable items will be accessible through the Amherst Public Library's website.
 3. The library will provide materials to home-bound patrons and childcare providers through its outreach service.
 4. Asset preservation will be addressed through appropriate security measures and active pursuit of overdue library materials.
- B. Technologies: The library will utilize and share cutting-edge technologies to optimize the library experience.**
1. The library will provide high speed access to Internet-based resources and services, through public access computers and wi-fi access for patrons' devices.
 2. Technologies will be continually upgraded to include new formats of materials.
 3. Technology training will continue to include basic computer concepts as well as training on the newest devices our patrons acquire.
 4. The library will use available technologies to communicate with the community, in addition to traditional print formats.
 5. The library will address the physical requirements needed for personal technology access, including improved wi-fi connectivity and more physical ports for in-house use.
- C. Programming: The library will regularly offer a variety of stimulating programming for all ages.**
1. The library will provide group and individual programs on emerging technologies, to assist the patron in the use of evolving computers and electronic devices.
 2. The library will provide exciting programs for children age 1 through elementary school.
 3. The library will provide interesting programs for teens.

4. The library will provide thought-provoking and enjoyable programs for adults.

D. Local Partnerships

1. Exploration will begin to pursue complementary partnerships with local businesses and/or organizations.
2. Such collaborations would allow each organization to share resources and better serve the community at large.

II. Library building: The physical structure of the library will be transformed so as to better utilize collection and meeting space, in order to attract and serve all community members.

- A. Collections will be relocated within the building, utilizing space to best serve the needs of the patrons. A paradigm shift, including implementation of “Dewey Lite” collection organization will be considered.
- B. Viable space will be provided within the building for meetings, planned and coordinated to draw members of the community of all ages.
- C. The library will provide an inviting, comfortable atmosphere for people to gather, to learn, to communicate, and to grow. Reorganization of the second floor will be planned to facilitate this atmosphere.
- D. Additional storage will be added so as to best utilize the library public area. This storage may be a stand-alone building on the library property, or may be an addition to the existing building.

Mission Statement

Amherst Public Library welcomes

People of all ages to enjoy

Lifelong learning and personal enrichment.