

## **Sidney Memorial Public Library Long Range Plan 2023-2027**

The Sidney Memorial Public Library's mission is to connect our community with resources that educate, enrich, and engage.

### **Community Assessment:**

The Sidney Memorial Public Library and Masonville Branch are chartered to serve the Sidney School District. Our statistics show that about 35% of our borrowers actually reside outside of the school district. According to census figures, 28.6% of the population of Delaware County is under the age of 18 and 18.5% of the population is over the age of 65. Sidney's poverty rate is over 26%, almost twice the poverty rate of NY State and 49% of students in the school district qualify for free and reduced lunch.

### **Goals**

#### **1. Provide and maintain a welcoming physical environment.**

##### **Objectives:**

- a. Create a master plan for updating and repairing aging facility including parking lots and sidewalks.
- b. Continue to create and add to "early learning spaces" within the children's room, which include age appropriate educational toys, books, and manipulatives to foster early learning and family engagement.

#### **2. Provide and promote a quality collection of materials in popular formats to support the needs and interests of the community.**

##### **Objectives:**

- a. Continue to enhance the audiobook and large print collections.
- b. Purchase mostly reviewed fiction and nonfiction for all age groups, making sure to choose materials that are from diverse viewpoints and are inclusive to all members of the community.
- c. Purchase fiction and nonfiction audio material including DVD, CD, and other developing formats.
- d. Weed the collection on a regular basis to eliminate out of date materials and provide shelving space for new items.
- e. Foster cooperation with other libraries in the Four County Library System to maximize sharing of resources.
- f. Market services through increased pamphlets, informational flyers, and online via the library website and social media platforms.

### **3. Implement technology to assist in fulfilling the library mission.**

Objectives:

- a. Continuously upgrade the public and staff computers as the library budget allows.
- b. Use our Public Computing Center to offer developing technology.
  - Continue to offer computer classes and open hours to adult learners.
  - Offer technology programs for children and teens which include, but are not limited to, early literacy tools, gaming, robotics, VR headset programs, 3-D printing, and other S.T.E.A.M. related topics through use of the Public Computing Center.

### **4. Plan new programs to enable people to meet and interact with others in their community**

Objectives:

- a. Maintain comprehensive children's and young adult programming
- b. Continue to offer our well established adult programs, as well as new and innovative options
- c. Continue working with Friends of the Libraries and other community organizations to sponsor programs

### **5. Study the use and needs of the Masonville Branch Library.**

Objective:

- a. Fulfill needs as there is demand.
- b. Evaluate and continue services on a continuous basis.
- c. Build the collection with a variety of new materials.

### **6. Provide staff training**

- a. Maintain staff's knowledge in the use of informational services and materials.
- b. Support and encourage continued professional development opportunities.

### **7. Increase awareness and use of the library by taxpayers.**

- a. Maintain an engaging and user-friendly library website and social media presence.
- b. Work with Sidney school district and BOCES to promote library programs and services through continued outreach including classroom visits, school event attendance, and organized class visits to the library.
- c. Make contacts with other organizations to increase library visits and program attendance.
- d. Promote hidden services such as research center and downloadable audio and e-books.
- e. Continue and expand on community early literacy initiatives including Booster Books, and contributions to the local Literacy Boosters committee and their bi-monthly early literacy newsletter.

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