

## Long Range Planning Community Committee Recommendations

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Prologue: As a group of community members, we began our conversations about Long Range Planning for Wadsworth Library with a foundation of admiration and respect for the highly dedicated staff and Library Board. The library serves our community in important and meaningful ways that enrich our lives. The recommendations for Long Range Planning are meant to build upon this very strong foundation and are presented in a spirit of support and enthusiasm for what is and what could be for our very strong and beautifully renovated Wadsworth Library.

**Area #1: Build Collaborations & Advocacy – GOAL:** Support existing connections, build additional partnerships, and advocate for the mission of the library in the community.

- **Action:** The library will partner with the Livingston County Office for the Aging to develop special services for seniors.
- **Action:** The library will explore a live chat feature for its website, and capitalize on the use of freely available tools such as Facebook Messenger to communicate with users in real time.
- **Action** The library will reach out to area service organizations such as Kiwanis and Rotary to establish partnerships and investigate collaborative projects.
- **Action** The library will continue and expand its collaboration with SUNY Geneseo, specifically working with Milne Library's Community Engagement Librarian on joint programs.
- **Action:** The library will continue to use social media to promote awareness of library activities, and will reevaluate its social media strategy on an annual basis.

**Area #2: Enrich the library's role as a Community Center – GOAL:** Build on the library's strength as a vital part of the social fabric of the broad community served by the library.

- **Action:** Develop an online registration system for reservation of the library's meeting rooms and market the availability of space for community events

- **Action:** The Library director and other library staff are involved with key community partners such as schools, service groups, local businesses and civic organizations.
- **Action:** Foster civic engagement by offering opportunities for discussion of current social and political issues.
- **Action:** Work consistently to keep the library environment comfortable, clean, safe, and welcoming.
- **Action:** The library will have a presence at selected community events and festivals.

**Area #3: Stimulate imagination at all age levels – GOAL:** Enrich library offerings by expanding the resources available for the community to utilize. **GOAL:** Offer library programming for children, teens, adults, seniors, and multi-generational programs that challenge traditional thinking and encourage discussion, while providing entertainment.

- **Action:** Broaden the scope of the library's collections by identifying non-traditional, loanable items that are of interest to the community and adding these items to circulating collections.
- **Action:** Expand adult programming to include new formats and delivery methods.
- **Action:** Create a service plan for teens, including the new area, collections and programming.

**Area #4: Provide Inclusive Services to All Constituencies – GOAL:** Continue and expand inclusive practices in service to children, young adults, adults, seniors, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ Community, SUNY Community, and all residents of the library's service area.

- **Action:** The library will have a tech tutor available, by appointment, on a regular schedule.
- **Action:** The library will partner with Pioneer Library System and area libraries used by residents of the town of York and other unserved communities to explore possibilities for receiving funding from those communities.
- **Action:** Review children's programming annually and adjust as needed to meet the changing needs of users.
- **Action:** The library will continue to enhance its excellent print and electronic collections, with a focus on diversity, early literacy, and resources for seniors.
- **Action:** The library will investigate services needed by diverse constituencies, and where there are gaps, the library will try to provide those services or partner with other organizations to provide those services.