Long Range Plan

Odon Winkelpleck Public Library

2018 – 2020

Approved by the Odon Winkelpleck Public Library Board on November 14,2017

A. Mission Statement

The Odon Winkelpleck Public Library seeks to expand the horizons of the North Daviess Community by providing literary, cultural, and informational resources to all.

B. Introduction

Upon reviewing the results of the conversations that were had in 2013 concerning the needs of the community, the library board has determined that those needs are still relevant today. Using cultural experiences, providing technology, and programming to meet the needs of the community is our main goal.

C. Community Needs and Goals

In our pursuit of meeting the needs of the community, the library board and staff will work together with the community in acquiring donations and grants to continue to meet the following needs.

* Technology equipment and free wifi for those who are in need and to lessen the digital gap.
* Provide cultural experiences to broaden the horizons of the community.
* Provide programming and resources to meet the literacy needs of the community.

D. Assessment of Facilities, Services, Technology and Operations

The Odon Winkelpleck Public Library strives to meet and maintain the standards set forth by the state library. The current building was expanded and updated to meet state standards to make the library assessable to all patrons. Our compliance with CIPA makes our library a family-friendly place for the community. By providing programming during the open hours of operation, the library meets and goes beyond the standard for services offered in meeting the needs of people we serve.

E. Measurable Objectives and Goals

1. Currently the library has desktop/laptop computers, a fax machine, small/large laminators, scanner, printers in both black/white and color, television, and a microfilm reader,

Goal: To provide the community with constant access to this technology as the need arises.

Objective: To be constantly aware of the condition of the technology and update or add new with donations or grant funds.

Goal: To provide training, tutoring, and resources that will assist patrons in their confidence to use technology in today’s culture.

Objective: Provide six programs a year offering training or one-on-one tutoring and to add resources to the library collection that will assist those who like the challenge of do-it-yourself.

2. In an effort to expand the horizons of the community the library wishes to offer cultural experiences to the community of North Daviess county.

Goal: To plan one music and one art program each year.

Objective: To collaborate with North Daviess high school and others in the community to provide quality art and music programs.

3. It is a privilege to be a part of the Evergreen and SRCS consortiums. Together both consortia offer more than 30 million items. This gives the library patrons of much bigger selection than the library can physically hold. With the help of volunteers the library if able to offer programs that promote literacy for preschool children.

Goal: Maintain good relationship among Evergreen and SRCS.

Objective: To continue providing quality and a large quantity of resources that will meet the needs of any and all patrons.

Goal: To provide quality programs for children of all ages that promote literacy, not only through books but, also, through music and activities.

Objective: With the help of volunteers the library will provide six weeks or more of reading programs that will encourage and promote reading.

F. Ongoing Evaluation Process

The library board will review the plan each year and make changes as needed. If changes are made they will be documented in the board minutes, sent to the Indiana State Library, and updated on the library web page.

G. Financial Resources and Sustainability

1. Our Operating Fund budget will be based on available sources of public funding and will not exceed the assessed valuation growth quotient for that budget year.

2. the operating budget will be supported by community donations and grants for programs or resources that are not provided for in the general budget.

3. The library’s Gift fund is sufficient to provide funds to meet the needs of purchasing larger items that come up unexpectant.

4. The library will continue to operate debt-free by seeking donations and grants as needed.

H. Professional Development

The Odon library recognizes the need for continual development of knowledge and skills to ensure that the staff is competent in all areas of library service. To accomplish this, the library will provide a substitute to fill in while the staff member is pursuing training. The library will, also, provide reimbursements for mileage that has been traveled to reach the training destination.

I. Collaboration with Other Public Libraries and Community Partners

The Library is part of the Evergreen Indiana and SRCS (Statewide Remote Circulation Services, partnering with over 100 public libraries in the group. The library will partner with the town of Odon and the Odon Business Alliance to support community events. Workshops and roundtables offered by other libraries is another way that we will partner with other libraries to provide professional development for the library staff.