

Patterson Library

Long Range Plan 2002-2006

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Library Vision

The residents of Patterson will:

- Have the information they need to succeed at school, at work, and in their personal lives;
- Have reading, viewing and listening materials and programs that stimulate their thinking, enhance their knowledge of the world, and improve the quality of their leisure time;
- Discover the joy of reading and develop a love of learning;
- Enjoy a high level of access to electronic information resources and develop the technological, information seeking, and information evaluation skills needed in an increasingly complex world;
- Think of the Patterson Library as a focal point of community life that connects and unites the people of Patterson;
- Use the Patterson Library's resources and services and encourage others to do so as well.

Library Mission Statement

The Patterson Library Association provides materials, reference services, programs and cultural events to promote informed citizenship and life-long learning. The library is committed to enhancing and fulfilling the personal and professional needs of the Town of Patterson residents.

Goals & Objectives

What follows are the library's goals and objectives for the years 2002 – 2006. In this planning process, goals describe the result or the outcome that the library is trying to achieve. Objectives are ways in which progress toward achieving those goals will be measured. Specific activities and tasks to be performed in pursuit of the goals and objectives are not included as a part of this document. In order to ensure that the plan is a living, changing document, activities and tasks are developed on an annual basis and are changed and modified as needed.

Goal 1 – Facilities Planning

The Library will, as funding and technology permits, expand facilities to meet increased population growth and to provide adequate public service space.

- 1.1 – To ensure the ongoing provision of adequate public service space, prepare a long-term facility plan including analysis of possible new locations.
- 1.2 – To satisfy short-term needs, obtain permission to expand current space
- 1.3 – Design and furnish new addition

Goal 2 - Lifelong Learning - Children

Children of Patterson will develop a lifelong love of books and a desire to learn that will help them live productive and satisfying lives.

- 2.1 – The number of programs being offered in cooperation/collaboration with educational and social agencies in the area will be counted in 2002 and will increase annually over the plan period.
- 2.2 – To proactively respond to the changing needs of the community, we will increase the collection of children's materials during each year of the 2002 - 2006 planning cycle.
- 2.3 – We will continue to encourage children to read for pleasure.

Goal 3 - Lifelong Learning - Technology

Patterson residents of all ages will develop the information seeking and evaluation skills that are critical to success in an increasingly technological world.

- 3.1 – Expand supply of individual computers
- 3.2 – Offer computer training and assistance
- 3.3 – Continue to enhance Patterson Library's web site and electronic resources.
- 3.4 – Keep current with technological developments and implement as appropriate.

Goal 4 – Lifelong Learning - Current Topics and Titles

Residents of Patterson will have access to a wealth of current and popular materials and engaging programs that stimulate their thinking, satisfy their curiosities, expand their knowledge of contemporary culture and society, and make their leisure time more productive and enjoyable.

Over the next 5 years we will strive to:

- 4.1 – Increase book holdings by 20%. Large print books by 75%.
- 4.2 – Increase compact disc title holdings to 500.
- 4.3 – Increase audio book collection by 20%.
- 4.4 – Increase videocassette inventory by 30%.
- 4.5 – Increase DVD collection to 200.
- 4.6 – Increase current periodical subscriptions (paper and online) by 20%.

Goal 5 – Lifelong Learning - Information

Residents of Patterson will have a dependable source of reliable information and the assistance they need to make good decisions and to succeed as workers, students, and as members of their families and of the community.

- 5.1 – Continue to educate the community with respect to the value and ease of electronic reference queries.
- 5.2 - Evaluate currency of print reference materials annually or as appropriate.
- 5.3 - The number of collaborations with Patterson organizations working in the areas of consumer, career, health, and financial information will be counted in 2002 and will increase each year of the 2002-2006 planning cycle.

Goal 6 - Building Community – Public Relations

Residents of Patterson will find a safe and welcoming place where the entire community comes together to celebrate culture and knowledge and to find others with whom to share their interests and enjoy unique learning experiences.

- 6.1 – Increase public awareness and understanding of specific library services, collections and facilities by such means as: inviting the community to open houses and addressing clubs and civic associations.
- 6.2 – Increase visibility of library services in the Putnam Lake Community including better satellite services.
- 6.3 – The annual door count at the library will increase during each year of the 2002 - 2006 planning cycle.
- 6.4 - The number of library community programs will increase each year of the 2002 - 2006 planning cycle.

Goal 7 - Building Community – Local Information Resources

Current and future generations of Patterson residents will have access to local information resources that enable them to participate fully in community life, and that help them develop a knowledge of and an appreciation for the history of their community, its people, and the many cultures that contribute to the richness of community life.

- 7.1 - The number of times the library participates in planning and/or collaborative projects with other community organizations will be counted in 2002 and will increase each year of the 2002 - 2006 planning cycle.
- 7.2 - The library will identify and make accessible through the web one new local information resource, database, index, or document as available each year of the 2002 - 2006 planning cycle.
- 7.3 - The library will offer at least one cross-generational program each year on a local history topic.

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