CHATSWORTH TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

FIVE YEAR PLAN 2015-2020

MISSION STATEMENT

The primary purpose of the Chatsworth Township Library is to provide a collection of popular materials in a variety of formats for persons of all ages in order to meet the needs and interests of the community. In service to the community the library will work with the local organizations, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) and the State of Illinois in seeking better services, programs and grant opportunities. A sharing of resources statewide enables the library to provide patrons with the widest range of materials and services. We will provide use of computers for patrons who do not have otherwise in order for them to use them for word processing and accessing the Internet. The library will strive to provide a comfortable and inviting atmosphere for patrons by providing friendly service and maintaining the site while mindful of the budget constraints. The library will conduct public surveys periodically to measure our service to the public and to meet the needs of our patrons in a more effective manner.

SERVICE RESPONSE

CURRENT TOPICS AND TITLES

GOAL #1 Library Materials: Provide a collection which will suit our patron's needs and appeal to our readers' taste.

Objective I-Children's materials

A. Add to the collection for first experiences with books (ex. Board books, touch and feel books, etc,) to create a love of books in our youngest patrons
B. Add to the collection of easy reader materials on an ongoing basis

    C. Increase the number of accelerated reader books in the collection and have all AR books color coded for easy identification by our patrons

    D. Weed and replace worn classics as funds become available

    E. Provide reading programs to promote interest in reading

Objective II-Adult materials

    A. Add to the collection according to budget constraints focusing first on best sellers relevant to our patron's tastes

    B. Secure non-fiction materials that hold appeal to the patrons

    C. Weed and replace materials as budget allows—recognizing the fact that some materials are now available through electronic medium

Goal #2 Building: Provide a convenient and inviting access to our Library building

Objective I-Hours

    A. Continuously assess the library "open" hours in terms of service to the patrons and make adjustments to increase accommodation for our patrons

    B. Reevaluate on a regular basis so as to continuously increase readership

Objective II-Facility

    A. Continuously maintain facility by keeping it in good repair both in and outside

    B. Continuously asses the usage of the community room and develop programming to maximize usage

Objective III-Access

    A. Work to improve accessibility for those with disabilities

    B. Continue to provide non-resident service by working cooperatively with our adjacent township boards

Objective IV-Staff

    A. Maintain staff and hours as budget allows
    B. Explore the creation of a "Friends of the Library" organization to build a number of volunteers to greater increase our service to our patrons

Goal #3 Programming: Provide a variety of programming venues to encourage the use of the library and to increase circulation

Objective I-Adult programming

    A. Explore adult programming that will create an interest and create support of the community
    B. Continue to provide opportunities for "lifelong learning" experiences (ex. computer classes, quilting classes)

Objective II-Youth programming

    A. Continue summer reading programs and coordinating with neighboring libraries to increasing programming opportunities through resource sharing
    B. Provide monthly reading programs that promote reading for fun and pleasure
    C. Continue cooperation with the schools to provide accelerated reader materials and programs that are not in conflict with school programming

Goal #4-Technology: Provide current technological experiences for our patrons

Objective 1-Public access computers

    A. Continuously update technology plan
    B. Continuously access the computers available to the patrons

C. Update antivirus software on a regular basis
D. Update filters in place on the server and public access computers

Objective II-Technical Support from RAILS Library System

A. Explore Maker Space and 3D printing opportunities
B. Continue to provide the latest in technical opportunities for Chatsworth patrons

Objective III-Grants

A. Continue to apply for grants as they become available

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