

AMERY PUBLIC LIBRARY LONG RANGE PLAN (2003-2007)

Mission Statement

The Amery Public Library makes information available, accessible and affordable to people of all ages and from all walks of life. We provide information, material, technology, and programs to meet personal, professional, cultural and recreational needs.

As a life-long learning center, our primary roles are providing current high demand materials in a wide range of formats, stimulating young children's interest in and appreciation for reading and learning, and supporting students of all ages and academic levels.

We are committed to the continual improvement of public access to information, resources and services.

General Library Objectives

1. The Amery Public Library shall assemble, preserve and administer, in organized collections, books, technology and related materials to promote the communication of ideas and to provide the opportunity for personal growth.
2. The Amery Public Library shall serve the community as a center of reliable information.
3. The Amery Public Library shall provide a place where patrons may acquire a balanced view of information on all subjects.
4. The Amery Public Library shall support educational, civic and cultural activities of groups and organizations.
5. The Amery Public Library shall seek continually to identify community needs and to provide programs of service to meet such needs.

Goals

FACILITY

- I. Reorganize the space currently available for library use to make it more functional.
 - A. Develop a Young Adult section for ages 12-17
 - B. Provide a user-friendly area for up to 8 computer stations
 - C. Offer a seating area for quiet study and reflection
 - D. Make the library fully accessible to persons with disabilities
- II. Make general improvements on this facility to improve patron and employee comfort and safety
 - A. Improve the lighting both inside and outside the building
 - B. Repair and improve the heating and air conditioning systems
 - C. Improve the north driveway access from the highway by installing lights or reflectors

- III. Begin to plan for acquiring more space for library usage by either:
 - A. Purchasing the building in which the library is currently located and developing a plan for effective and efficient expansion and remodeling
 - B. Developing a plan to move to another site where the facility would be more adequate
 - C. Investigate the possibility of constructing a new building

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

- I. Systematically weed out old and unused materials
- A. Hire needed staff
- B. Set up regular schedule
 - II. Improve Young Adult section
 - III. Maintain and revise the audio-visual and electronic formats as necessary
 - IV. Acquire, display and promote more English-as-Second-Language and Adult Literacy materials
 - V. Enlarge the magazine section

PROGRAMMING

- I. Develop programs of interest to young adults
- II. Maintain and expand children's programming
- A. Presentations at other childcare facilities
- B. Train additional staff in presenting children's programs
 - III. Provide additional programs of interest to adults
- A. Review existing programs
- B. Survey patrons for program topics
- C. Seek sources of presenters and/or program
- D. Add author programs

TECHNOLOGY

- I. Develop a website
- II. Add on-line databases and offer training courses and/ or assistance in use of electronic resources
- III. Acquire an on-line catalog