

AMERY PUBLIC LIBRARY LONG RANGE PLAN (2006 – 2010)

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. Continue to investigate options for expanding and improving library facilities 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. Investigating 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 the Young Adult Section by providing additional materials
- III. Maintain and revise the audio-visual and electronic formats as necessary
 - A. Acquire and use cleaning equipment for electronic materials
 - B. Add DVD and CD Rom materials
- 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

TECHNOLOGY

- I. Develop a web site
- II. Offer training courses and/or assistance in use of electronic resources

- III. Acquire an online catalog
- IV. Add online data bases
- V. Regularly review and monitor technology developments to meet library staff and patron needs
- VI. Library staff will continue to attend workshops and other training opportunities to keep technology skills up-to-date

SERVICES

- I. Continue to plan and conduct the Summer Reading Program for school age children each year
- II. Continue the reading program for pre-school children
- III. Provide shut-in service and foster awareness of the needs of special groups, such as elderly and handicapped
- IV. Continue to promote an annual series of book club meetings for adults

EVALUATION

- I. Regularly assess the level of achievement of the goals over the 5-year period
- II. Measure the impact of the Amery Library Services by:
 - A. Keeping records of the number of library users in each of the years
 - B. Noting improvements to the building or progress in acquiring a new facility
 - C. Evaluating changes made to accommodate library users at the present site including furniture, materials and services
 - D. Surveying patrons to determine what programs, collections, and other services need improvement