

**ALLIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Plan of Service  
2020-2025**

**Approved by the Village of Alliance Library Board**

**Statement of Approval  
June 9, 2020**

**Moved by Laura Towers, seconded by Randy Wickstrom  
That we approve the 2020 to 2025 Plan of Service.  
Carried**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

### **Plan of Service Purpose and Process**

The purpose of our Five Year Plan of Service is to provide our library with specific guidelines that will allow us to meet the needs of the Village of Alliance and area.

Our Plan of Service is based on the following input:

- Board and Staff members
- Citizens of Alliance and area – library patrons and non-library users in the community
- Members of service clubs, business owners and town administration
- The Village of Alliance Municipal Sustainability Plan

### **Library Profile:**

Our Library is located in the Alliance Recreation Centre. It was originally started by the Argyle Women's Institute in 1947. Throughout the years, we have been in several locations in order to accommodate the ever growing number of books, multi-media material and computer stations. At present the Alliance Library serves the 154 residents of the Village of Alliance, plus an active rural population.

### **Governance:**

The Alliance Public Library is governed by a volunteer board consisting of up to 10 members including one Village councillor.

### **Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM

### **Staff:**

One paid employee – Library Manager  
Volunteers provide a great deal of time

Library Patrons – 95

Circulation - 1500 – 2500

Resource Sharing - 730

Collection - approximately 9000

## **Programs and Services**

The Alliance Library provides the following programs throughout the year:

Summer Reading Program

Book clubs use our library resources and may meet in our library

Hold a Strawberry Tea annually to honor seniors. Several senior facilities from the surrounding areas and local citizens are invited to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and fellowship.

Gardening workshops

Bus trips to various places such as the Enjoy Center

Visits and readings by local authors, presentations on travel, storytellers, etc

Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange and Coffee Party

Participate in the annual "Meet Your Neighbor Night" where we invite new members of the community to join our Library

Offer various craft courses throughout the year such as Wreath making, corsage making, Christmas Centerpieces, fabric tote bags, knitting lessons, etc.

Fundraising activities include Christmas Stocking raffle, Strawberry Tea, RCMP Gala

Computers for public use

Encourage computer abilities

### **VISION:**

To offer our community a facility that will stimulate learning, social interaction, and a sense of community

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

To provide all segments of our community with a viable library that will:

- Promote literacy
- Stimulate learning
- Encourage social interaction
- Provide recreational activities
- Encourage cultural awareness
- Provide a wide array of information
- Assist our patrons in accessing as many services as possible within our system

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

Our goals and objectives will reflect our vision and mission statement, and in addition provide the Village of Alliance with a facility that will promote life long learning.

Through our process in developing our Plan of Service we have arrived at the following areas that we will continue to concentrate on within the next five years.

1. Provide our seniors with programs that actively involve them in learning new skills, stimulating various interests, providing social interaction, and making our community more senior friendly
2. Provide children in our area a facility that will encourage social interaction, provide learning opportunities, instill in them a "Sense of Community", and promote community pride and dedication in making our community an inviting and viable place to live.

**AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT;**

Children – provide more leaning and interaction opportunities for all ages

Seniors – provide a facility that is welcoming and promotes learning new skills, social interaction and well being.

Adults – Encourage all adult patrons to become aware of all the programs and services that we are able to offer them.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS:**

Increase the number of library patrons by offering free memberships,

Increase awareness of our Library by participating in local Farmer's Market and other community events and placing articles in the Village newsletter

Educate the public on all of the services that our library has to offer

Encourage use of computers in our library

Teach patrons to use the Parkland Regional Website

Provide a kid friendly environment to encourage participation of our younger generation

Support our local artisans by providing a place to exhibit their works

Provide programming for seniors.

Make it easier for seniors in the community to access library material by delivery methods

Continue to educate staff and Board members by encouraging participation in available workshops

Continue to offer programming that is conducive to the needs and wants of the community

Work with the Village of Alliance and service clubs to provide services to the community

Continue to expand our diverse collection of materials.

**CONCLUSION:**

In the next five years we hope to meet our goals and objectives in order to provide the Village of Alliance and area with a viable library in a safe and pleasant environment.

