

HARDISTY AND DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Plan of Service 2021-2025

Approved by the Town of Hardisty Library Board

2021



Hardisty and District Public Library

Mission Statement

The Library is dedicated to the education, recreation, cultural enlightenment, freedom to read, and information needs for all citizens.

The Library Board recognizes that the role of the library has expanded to satisfy the growing needs of the age we live in and that the library shall continue to expand with the needs of the future.

Vision Statement

The Hardisty and District Public Library serves citizens of Hardisty and area by providing a location where literacy is nurtured and everyone is encouraged to find the joy of discovery, reading, and lifelong learning.

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Library Profile

The Hardisty and District Public Library was first started by a group of volunteers in 1977. The library was initially housed in one room at the Seniors Center. In 1989 a permanent home was constructed for the library in which it still is operational today. It is located in downtown Hardisty where it is convenient for local residents.

The first Plan of Service was compiled in 1992 with a strong set of goals and objectives that still guides us to this day. Our library depends heavily on volunteer members.

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Planning Process

As part of the process of managing and controlling a municipal library, *The Alberta Libraries Regulation* requires Library Boards to file a new Plan of Service with the Minister at least every five years. The Plan of Service must contain a mission statement and goals and objectives based on a needs assessment of the municipality or municipalities served by the board.

Due to the outbreak of Covid 19 and the restrictions that were implemented, a community planning committee could not be organized by the Town of Hardisty Library Board in 2020. Our needs assessment was unable to be conducted in the usual manner. In October of 2020 the board of directors sent a community needs assessment questionnaire to community members.

Based on the results of the questionnaire and after lengthy discussion, the Hardisty and District Public Library's board and the library manager selected three service responses: **Satisfy Curiosity, Know Your Community,** and **Stimulate Imagination.**

Acknowledgements

The Town of Hardisty Library Board would like to thank the participants of the community needs assessment questionnaire for their valuable contribution to Hardisty and District Public Library's Plan of Service.

Service Response: Know Your Community

Career Development

Goal: Hardisty residents will have the tools they need to find an apply for jobs, and resources for career development

Objective: Each year, Hardisty and District Public Library will provide a weekly updated job board as well as computer access for education and employment opportunities. The Library will assist job seekers through "access to print and digital tools to create resumes, cover letters, and hone interviewing skills"

Service Response: Satisfy Curiosity

Discover your Roots

Goal: Residents of Hardisty and surrounding area will have access to local history information and tools for genealogical and family history research.

Objective: 52% of people surveyed indicated interest in genealogy. The library will maintain a collection of local history information and resources that are available to be borrowed or consulted in the library.

Objective: The library will support people engaged in family history research through access to online and print research tools.

Service Response: Stimulate Imagination

Learn by Doing

Goal: Children and adults will have interactive and hands-on activities to help them explore the world and learn new skills.

Objective: Every summer, children aged 6 to 12 will have access to a summer reading program that includes literacy activities, games and crafts, and outdoor programs.

Objective: The library will offer at least ~~one~~ program each year that ~~is~~ geared towards adults and/or seniors.