

Mission and Values of Lake County Public Library

The mission of Lake County Public Library is to be a partner in building community, fostering life-long learning, providing equal access to information and promoting diversity of ideas.

- We are committed to:
 - Meeting the needs of our diverse community
 - Supporting the intellectual growth of our community
 - Protecting patrons' privacy and freedom to read
 - Providing a space for the community to come together

Strategic initiatives for 2018

- *Goal: Develop programming for all ages and demographics of our community.* We are developing programming for children, young adults and adults. Topics will include history, author talks, our natural world, public health, language and conservation. We will also be seeking to host programs that include activities such as crafts, writing and exercise classes. A special priority is to create STEM programming for children and young adults.
- *Goal: Community engagement and outreach.* The library will seek to establish partnerships with other county departments, local schools, community non-profits and businesses to improve and expand patron services. Of special importance is for the library to identify and provide outreach services to groups who have been underserved by the library.
- *Goal: Develop communication, online presence and publicity.* The library will launch a new website, begin publishing a newsletter, and use social media to keep patrons informed of changes, programming and new acquisitions in the library.
- *Goal: Address issues with Physical Space.* The library is almost at capacity in its current space. To help create more space we are reconfiguring staff and public areas. However, these are short-term solutions. As part of long-term planning, in the next year the library will be partnering with Lake County Public Health to conduct a feasibility study to build a space that would include the library, offices of Public Health, the Senior Center and additional meeting/community space.
- *Goal: Develop the library's collections to meets the needs of our diverse and growing community.* Over the next year the library will be withdrawing a number of outdated and unused print materials. This will allow us to grow the collection to be current and fit the current needs of the community. Additionally, we will continue to develop Colorado Mountain History Collection's digital collections, including identify community partners in the community to contribute to the collection.
- *Goal: Review internal policies and procedures.* We will be updating and modifying the current policies and procedures. Most notably the Collection Development Policy, Donation Policy and acquisitions procedure.
- *Goal: Fundraising.* To help support our growth, we will be expanding our fundraising efforts through grants, donations, fundraising events, and crowdfunding tools.