Community Engagement

Goal - CE1 - Cultivate a sense of ownership of the library

Actions	Status	Original Timing	New Timing
CE1.1 Review and modify volunteer onboarding process	/		
CE1.2 Create Volunteer Booking System	/		
CE1.3 Develop volunteer training plan	/		
CE1.4 Review recognition and appreciation methods for volunteers	/		
CE1.5 Review communication and recruitment methods for volunteers	/		
CE1.6 Establish and maintain a Friends of the Library		Summer 2025	Winter 2025
CE1.7 Create donation recognition signage and page on website	/		
CE1.8 Assess feasibility of library branded merchandise	/		

CE1.4 – After discussing with our volunteers and being mindful that the majority are not comfortable with "volunteer of the month" recognition, we will be hosting a volunteer appreciation lunch at the library.

CE1.6 - With the community flea market just around the corner, the timing is right to start promoting the opportunity to join the library's fundraising group. We will leverage all socials, website and paper mailout.

CE1 – Metrics

- 1. 80% response rate to our volunteer questionnaire.
- 2. 100% strongly agree that volunteering at the library has made them feel a greater sense of ownership of the library and its services.
- 3. 75% say that since volunteering, they have found themselves sharing or promoting the library's resources.
- 4. 100% say that volunteering has increased their awareness of the library's collection and services.







- 5. Of the volunteers who signed up through our portal in 2024 100% are still regularly volunteering after 12 months.
- 6. Of the volunteers who signed up through our portal in 2025 75% are still regularly volunteering after 10 months.
- 7. The acquisition of a monthly donor through Canada Helps.org

Definition of regularly: a volunteering at the library at least once a month

Note: these volunteers are those who sign up to help with library tasks such as collection maintenance, inventory and other tasks.

Goal – CE2 – Empower community leaders and advocates

Actions Status **Original Timing New Timing** CE2.1 Establish and facilitate a youth forum Winter 2024 CE2.2 Set up a webpage devoted to library FAQs Spring 2026 CE2.3 Develop library welcome package for new members and residents Spring 2025 CE2.4 (CE3.1) Develop Board training plan Moved to this section

- CE2.1 Fall session of our youth group have started. Still too early in the program to determine outcomes.
- CE2.2 Not started because of a re-prioritization of tasks under CE2.
- CE2.3 We have a package developed for new patrons but not new residents. Will require a meeting to be set up with Municipal Staff. Who are the new rate payers? How will the library staff be notified?
- CE2.4 Develop a Board training plan was moved to this section from CE3.

CE2 - Metrics

1. Youth Lounge - 11 sessions, 90 participants. Attendees provided feedback on what they'd like to see in the future in the way of programs.







Goal – CE3 – Increase opportunities to collaborate with the community on services or programs

Actions

CE3.1 Inventory and diversify feedback methods

CE3.2 Increase awareness about the various feedback channels available - Ongoing

CE3.3 Facilitate community forums through town halls

CE3.4 Create interactive mini-polls on socials, website and newsletter - Ongoing

New Timing Status Original Timing



Summer 2024



Summer 2025



Fall 2024

CE3.3 – The timing of town halls might serve us better when we start moving into the next round of strategic planning.

CE3.4 – New mini poll embedded on the website.

Notes: In addition to fostering advocates and leaders, our youth lounge gives us an opportunity to collaborate on the direction of our programs and services.

CE2 - Metrics

- 1. We increased our contact points (for community feedback) by 67%
- 2. 120 suggestions

Library Spaces

Goal - LS1 – Provide welcoming, safe and accessible spaces

Actions

LS1.1 Review and update all policies to include inclusive language

LS1.2 Conduct usage survey

Status

Original Timing Spring 2025

New Timing



Late summer 2025

Complete

On track On Hold Not started

LS1.3 Create a quiet space

LS1.4 Improve physical accessibility



LS1.2 – The usage survey might be better timed with the next cycle of strategic planning.

Goal – LS2 – Assess feasibility of an expansion

Actions

LS2.1 Conduct feasibility study

LS1.2 Conduct usage survey

LS2.3 Identify sources of funding - 2027

Status

Original Timing



TBD



TBD



2027

Digital Infrastructure and Collections

Goal – DI1 – Strengthen digital infrastructure

Actions

DI1.1 Inventory and assess current digital infrastructure - hardware/software

DI1.2 Develop budget plan to support sustainable upgrades

DI1.3 Get staff trained and up-to-date with public facing digital infrastructure

DI1.4 Purchase Blue-tooth printer

Status









Goal – DI2 – Raise awareness and engage the community

Actions

DI2.1 Educate users on how to navigate and use digital resources

DI2.2 Create how-to for the public

DI2.3 Promote digital hardware/software - ongoing

Status







New to this strategic plan cycle was the addition of Mango Languages and Ancestry. Dedicated information/how to pages have been created for both and are found on our website.

The creation of our new French conversation group has given us an opportunity to introduce Mango Languages and show users how they can use this digital resource at home.

Goal - DI3 - Offer and promote a well balanced and inclusive collection

Actions

DI3.1 Set up database fields to track genres easily

DI3.2 Inventory and diversify user feedback methods

DI3.3 Set up visual cues for patrons to identify genres quickly

DI3.4 Inventory and promote our Library of Things

Status

Original Timing Spring 2026





Spring 2026



Community Development

Goal – ED1 Augment and promote support for local entrepreneurs

Actions

ED1.1 Inventory and build technological capacity

Status

Original Timing

New Timing



Complete

On track 👚 On Hold 🛑

Not started

ED1.2 Build staff capacity - ongoing

ED1.3 Encourage entrepreneurs to present seminars for the public - ongoing

ED1.4 Create info pamphlet for business owners

ED1.5 Facilitate a networking group for small business owners



Community Development

Goal – ED2 Establish a dedicated exhibit space for local artists/artisans/craftspeople

Actions

ED2.1 Create an art display policy

ED2.2 Set up discovery portal on the website

ED2.3 Evaluate and improve display area

Status

Goal – ED3 Create opportunities to learn about the area

Actions
ED3.1 Set up info page about the area on the website

ED3.2 Create a welcome package for people new to the area

Status Original Timing New Timing

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Fall 2024

changed to 2026 to align with CE2.3