Mannsville Free Library

Technology Plan 2021-2026

Goals & Strategies

Goal: Our library will provide free computing access to our community.

Strategy: (1) Usage of current public computers will be monitored by the Library Director. If usage exceeds availability then the library will budget for additional computers as necessary.
(2) The library will maintain a budget for technology utilizing the NCLS PC replacement program when the existing computing equipment reaches end of life.

Timeline: 2021-2026

Goal: Our library will continue to provide wireless access to the Internet for our patrons.

Strategy: Continue to provide public wireless internet for the library and work with NCLS Information Technology department to maintain adequate availability for patrons.

Timeline: 2021-2026

Goal: All computers in the library will be updated as per NCLS recommendations.

Strategy: (1) Maintain email communication and attend workshops.

Timeline: 2021-2026

Goal: Continue online virtual programming options

Strategy: Work with the Programming Director to maintain children's programming; the Library Director will continue to increase the available adult programming

Timeline: 2021-2026

Professional Development Strategy

Goal: The Library will ensure that staff remains current on how to use available technology and online resources in order to improve library service to the public.

Strategy: (1) The Board will encourage staff to attend relevant classes available in-person and through webinars, such as those provided by NCLS, the Northern New York Library Network, NYLA, ALA, and the New York State Education Department.
(2) Staff will be paid their regular hourly rate to attend classes or to take time for webinars. Mileage will be reimbursed at the current federal mileage rate.
(3) The Board will annually discuss the possibility of staff attendance at the NYLA Conference.

Evaluation

Recognizing that technology changes quickly, this plan will be reviewed at least annually.
The Manager will work with staff and the library's Board of Trustees to:

- Monitor progress towards library service goal benchmarks
- Make mid-course corrections in response to new developments, opportunities and needs that arise after the plan was initially established
- Delete goals no longer relevant to the plan and add new goals
- Identify and evaluate the impact of technology and technology services

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