TOWN OF KITTERY

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Library Advisory Committee

January 18, 2024
4:00 PM
Rice Public Library
Community Room
Agenda

1. Directors Report

2. Library Strategic Plan
   a. Affirm Final Version of Goals and Action Items
   b. Discuss Measures of Progress and Success
   c. Discuss Table of Contents/Assembly of the Plan Document

3. Next Meeting – February 15, 5PM

Meeting Materials:

- Final Version of Goals and Objectives

RICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
STRATEGIC PLANNING
GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Lifelong Learning**
   Provide materials in multiple formats, and opportunities to engage—individually or in groups—in activities that promote learning and curiosity.

   GOAL: Support the members of the Kittery community to expand their knowledge base, initiate ideas, and make connections through common interests, concerns, needs, and expertise.

   ACTION ITEM #1
   Provide more opportunities for our community members to learn about diversity and connect with each other.

   ACTION ITEM #2
   Explore options for our Maker Space, including creating classes and STEAM learning kits and hands-on activities.

   ACTION ITEM #3
   Create book and discussion groups that create opportunities for community members to meet and connect through ongoing dialogues in a safe and welcoming setting for all.

2. **Community Engagement**
   Build on the Library's commitment to providing a secure, hospitable environment where all citizens can feel safe, heard, and seen.

   GOAL: Provide broadly accessible program opportunities and services that celebrate diverse community interests and needs, and feature voices from within the community.

   ACTION ITEM #1
   Expand the variety of remote and in-person services to make access equitable for all users.

   ACTION ITEM #2
   Collaborate with the Kittery Community Center, Kittery School Department, and other local agencies to enhance opportunities for more citizens to participate.

   ACTION ITEM #3

Develop and widely publicize a service schedule to maximize on-site and remote access.

ACTION ITEM #4
Develop a plan to make books and materials more accessible to those without access to transportation.

ACTION ITEM #5
Develop partnerships with other programs and entities.

ACTION ITEM #6
Assess the feasibility of a mobile library/book mobile program.

ACTION ITEM #7
Partner with the Friends of the Rice Public Library to advance their goals in support of the library.

ACTION ITEM #8
Promote and expand opportunities for volunteerism, through the Town's volunteer portal (discussion groups; book groups; maintaining the gardens; Maker Space programs; IT advice, etc.), in coordination with library staff.

ACTION ITEM #9
Assure ongoing opportunities for patrons to initiate programs in coordination with library staff, through the Town's volunteer portal.

3. **Early Literacy**
    Provide programs and services to all children, before they enter kindergarten, designed to foster a love of learning and ease the transition to schooling.

    GOAL: Promote early literacy. Children 5 and under will have programs and services designed to promote school-ready skills, such as reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

    ### ACTION ITEM #1
    Collaborate with the School Department on programs that address the summer reading lag and foster the love of books, such as "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" and the annual Summer Reading Program.

    ### ACTION ITEM #2
    Add an additional Storytime on one Saturday or one evening per month.

4. **Technology**
   Provide access to education and resources designed to help people adapt to an ever-changing technological landscape.

   GOAL: Expand opportunities to support the technological needs of our community.

   ## ACTION ITEM #1
   Expand digital resources including streaming video and audiobooks**,** offered in multiple languages.

   ## ACTION ITEM #2
   Initiate a partnership with York County Career Center in Sanford and Kittery Adult Education for on-site job application training, resume writing, and technology assistance.

   ## ACTION ITEM #3
   Expand technology programs and assistance in consideration of evolving platforms, with in-person and virtual learning opportunities that enrich or assist their personal, business, and professional lives.