

Board Approved: 10-10-18

Long-Range Plan
For The
Nashua Public Library
Valid: 2018-2028

Mission Statement: The Nashua Public Library has been established for the purpose of serving the basic informational, educational and recreational reading, listening, and viewing needs of this community. The Nashua Public Library attempts to be a cultural force in the community by acting as a storehouse of ideas. Specialized and comprehensive needs will be met using the more extensive library facilities provided by Regional, State, and Federal library agencies.

This long-range plan was developed based on the results from surveying the public on their needs and wants. We ran a survey online and in paper form to gather the needs and wants of our patrons. In addition, we had an energy assessment done by Mid-American Energy to determine the ways we could make our library more efficient. Copies of the energy assessment and results of the survey can be accessed by asking at the front desk.

Goals and Objectives:

Goal #1: Operate and maintain a facility based on the changing role of the library and the needs of the community. (2018-2028)

Objective A: Patrons will have enhanced physical spaces in which to enjoy all the services the library has to offer. (2018-2028)

Objective B: Consider creating a meeting space / conference room with more versatile options to furniture, tables, and technology to allow for easy re-arranging for programming, meetings, patron private use. (2028)

- Community groups will have a facility for community activities and meetings. (2028)
- Seniors will have a comfortable, safe place to gather for informal gatherings, cards, etc. (2028)
- Families will have a comfortable , safe place to gather for informal gatherings, etc. (2028)
- Outdoor seating and flag pole for patrons to enjoy. (2028)
- Drop box for books, materials and movies that goes directly inside the library instead of free standing drop box. (2020)

Objective C: Investigate improving director / staff working area to include storage and efficient work spaces / office area. (2028)

Objective D: Consider having an AED defibrillator and active shooter supplies and training if the need arises. (2020)

Goal #2: Space Maintenance (2018-2028)

Objective A: Evaluate the space and building regularly to determine if changes are necessary. (2018-2028)

- Look into more efficient lighting for library, benefits and savings into changing whole library to more efficient lighting. (2020)
- Look into new furnace and central air for current library. (2019)
- Updates to the roofs for both buildings as needed. (2018-2028)
- Landscaping on side of library on Brasher Street. (2018-2019)

Goal #3: Provide and expand products, services and programs to meet the needs of the community. (2018-2028)

Objective A: Seek and make available speakers / presenters and other resources. (2018-2028)

- The director will book speakers / presenters relevant to the town's needs / interests. (2018-2028)
- The director will continue to provide new services and workshops for all ages. (2018-2028)

Objective B: Residents will have the materials, resources and programs they need to continue to learn throughout their lives. (2018-2028)

- Continuation of the First Grade Reading program with the first grade students from Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School. (2018-2028)
- Continuation of the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. (2018-2028)
- Identify issues that concern community members at different life stages, lectures and programs that may include changing careers, health issues, colleges, history, etc. (2018-2028)
- Continuation of an annual summer reading program to help students maintain reading levels throughout the summer. (2018-2028)

Goal #4: Provide access to resources and technology for citizens according to needs. (2018-2028)

Objective A: Explore the potential to improve wireless infrastructure (improve

bandwidth) (2025)

Objective B: Continue to upgrade the present computers and other technology to allow patrons as up-to-date technology becomes needed. (2020)

Objective C: Continue to promote existing vital services (Bridges, Gale, Transparent Language, Credo, Website, Facebook) (2018-2028)

Objective D: Explore the potential for a Laptop and Projector system for library and patron usage. (2020)

Goal #5: Provide creative and expressive outlets for all ages thru maker materials available as self paced and self directed projects. (2018-2028)

Objective A: Library will provide a craft cart, to be made available for all ages and to be placed where space is available. (2018-2028)

- Library will maintain and add to the items available on the cart to provide a range of changing possible crafts. (2018-2028)

Goal #6: Provide access to all individuals who research genealogy and heritage by having library resources that encourage a better understanding of their own cultural heritage and the heritage of others.

Objective A: The local newspaper, The Nashua Reporter, will be digitalized for use by all individuals. (2025)