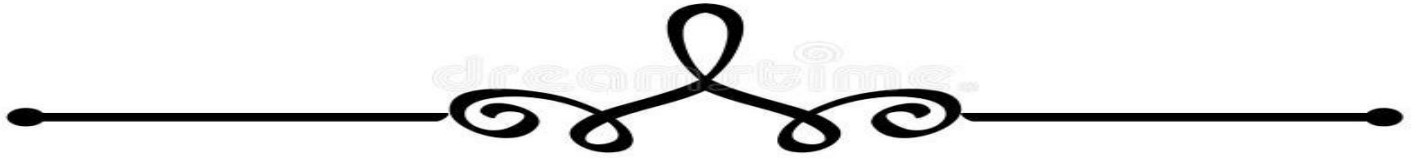


2024 –2029

Plan of Service

The Foremost Municipal Library opened in 1987 to serve the Village of Foremost and a large rural area in southeast Alberta. By becoming a member of the Shortgrass Library system and the Alberta Library network, we are able to offer our members and the public even greater access to materials, technology and resources while maintaining traditional library strengths, values and providing a valuable in-person experience



Our Mission is:

To prompt curiosity, which leads to individual learning and creativity.

To promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading.

To provide the community with physical and virtual access to information in a welcoming, stimulating and safe environment.

Every 3 to 5 years Alberta library boards are required to declare their service priorities after community consultation.

Needs Assessment Process

A survey was created by the Plan of Service Committee requesting feedback on current library services and future library focus. Distribution and submission of this survey were provided in both online and paper formats through

- First n Foremost community newsletter (over 560 households)
- In person library visitors
- Social media posts
- Library website
- Word of mouth

Additional in-person consultations were performed with the Foremost School Parent Council and the Etzikom Playgroup providing additional valuable feedback.

Of the eighteen possible Library Service Responses, the top three were used to create our strategic plan and plan of service responding to our local needs.

Service Response 1

Create young readers: Early literacy

Goal

Create programs and services designed for children ages zero through 5 years old in our community to ensure these children enter school ready to learn to read, write and listen.

Objective

Partner with local FCSS for regular preschool story time

Responsibility Staff

Timeline Ongoing

Objective

Provide a summer reading program for children

Responsibility Staff

Timeline Ongoing

Objective

Offer Teddy Bear story time in partnership with FCSS

Responsibility Staff

Timeline Ongoing

Objective

Increase outreach for programming to determine needs of members and the public with children aged 0-5 through partnerships with other groups in the community.

Responsibility Staff and Board

Timeline Ongoing

Service Response 2

Visit a comfortable place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Goal

Provide residents with a safe and welcoming physical space to meet and interact with others or to sit quietly and read. Create open and accessible virtual spaces that support networking.

Objective

Work closely with Village of Foremost to address any structural defects

Responsibility Board and Staff

Timeline Ongoing

Objective

Create a 5-year interior upgrade plan and budget and begin implementation

Responsibility Board and Staff

Timeline Ongoing

Objective

Budget for incremental upgrade of tech offerings for in-library and lending usage.

Responsibility Staff

Timeline Ongoing

Service Response 3

Stimulate Imagination: Reading, Viewing and Listening for Pleasure

Goal

Become the first choice for residents who want material to enhance their leisure time by providing what they want, when and where they want it. Provide the help they need to make the choices from among the options

Objective

Create and build a toy lending library

Responsibility Staff

Timeline Ongoing

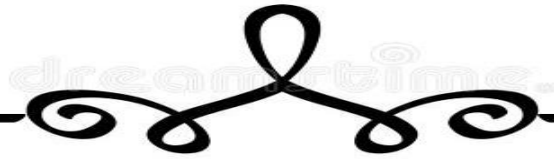
Measurable

Objective

In conjunction with community groups such as Pathways, create training opportunities for members and the public on how to access everything offered through the library via print, social media and in-person sessions.

Responsibility Staff and Board

Timeline Ongoing



Conclusion

Foremost Municipal Library will promote, provide, and connect those in our community by monitoring and evaluating the goals and objectives of our three service responses -

Creating young readers: Early literacy

Visit a comfortable space: Physical and virtual spaces
Stimulating Imagination: Reading, viewing, and listening for pleasure.

Ensuring that our results remain aligned with the needs and wants of those in our area.

As part of the Shortgrass Library System and the provincial network, we are able to provide access to a wide variety of topics, themes and resources to develop and support the innumerable personal interests that exist in our community. With this vast access to literature, multimedia, and e-resources, our community will be able to enhance their leisure time, pique their curiosity, connect with others in person and virtually, and experience a safe and welcoming public space.