

Silvis Public Library Strategic Plan 2020 - 2022

Mission Statement:

The Silvis Public Library provides materials and services to help area residents obtain information meeting their personal, educational, and professional needs. Special emphasis is placed on stimulating reading, learning and enjoyment for all ages. The library strives to be a learning and education center for the community.

1 Goal: The SILVIS LIBRARY will serve as a safe “place” for educational study, community gathering, and enriching programs for residents, staff, and other library users.

Objectives:

1.) The SILVIS LIBRARY will develop collaborative partnerships with other agencies to provide enriching programs for the community.

- Partner with local non-profit advocacy groups for programming.

- Investigate hosting Adult Literacy classes and individual tutoring sessions.

- Increase children's outreach services, specifically to daycares and schools in area of Library.

- Increase Senior Outreach services, specifically to senior centers in the library area.

2.) The SILVIS LIBRARY will continue to develop age-appropriate programming targeted towards increasing participation in both children's and young adult programs.

- Partner w/other agencies to provide young adult programming, such as: resume building, filling out college applications, applying for scholarships, and learning life skills.

- Increase children's events during Summer Reading, including the addition of a day-time preschool storytime.

3.) The SILVIS LIBRARY will renovate the current Library building to improve accessibility to both the building and the Library's collections for patrons.

- Complete LED Lighting throughout library.

- Add an awning for outdoor programming.

- Replace metal shelving throughout library.

- Add an Adult Seating Area with new comfortable seating and additional electrical outlets.

2 Goal: The SILVIS LIBRARY will serve as a major resource in the community for free public access to technology by ensuring that the resources available meet the demands of the community.

Objectives:

1.) The SILVIS LIBRARY will continue to improve its technological resources to stay viable in an ever-changing technology driven society.

- Provide support and opportunities to those wishing to improve their technology skills.

- Provide regular computer training programs to assist Silvis residents and library users in developing their information and technology skills.

2.) The SILVIS LIBRARY will add appropriate digital content to our collections, as budgetary constraints allow.

- Investigate unique digital content to be added to the Library's collections.

- Maintain hyperlinks to outside digital resources on Library website.

3 Goal: The SILVIS LIBRARY will be recognized as a provider of resources for the educational and literacy needs of the community.

Objectives:

- 1.) The SILVIS LIBRARY will provide additional educational opportunities to the community.
 - Provide regular training programs to assist Silvis residents and library users in meeting their educational goals.
 - Provide communication to schools on Library, school and community events geared to school specific age groups.
 - Provide hyperlinks on our website for appropriate education resources such as job & career development, health services, e-Gov resources, and more.

- 2.) The SILVIS LIBRARY will provide equipment for community use in utilizing Library building.
 - Investigate increased bandwidth for the Program Room.
 - Investigate adding white boards to Study Rooms.