



Taber Public Library

Plan of Service

2014-2018



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History

Taber Public Library was established on November 9, 1946 upstairs in the Fire Hall. In 1963 a new library was opened on 49th Avenue and 44 years later we moved into a new facility on 50th Avenue. In 1992 the Chinook Arch Regional Library System was formed and Taber became a member. In June of 2007 we moved into our current facility. We provide library services to a community of approximately 8,100 and a surrounding area of approximately 6,800.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Taber Public Library is to meet the informational, educational, recreational and cultural needs of the community.

Needs Assessment Process

A needs assessment survey was sent out into the community in 2011 and feedback reinforced our need to look at increasing hours of opening and offering more in-house programs. It was important that partnerships with service groups and other agencies be struck and maintained in order to highlight the library's involvement within the community and surrounding area.

In immediate response to survey results, hours of opening were increased and ongoing analysis of in-house programs was initiated.



Service Response:

1. Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Residents will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives.

Goal:

Residents will realize that the library is essential in the providing and nurturing of their interests and the pursuit of lifelong learning.

Objectives:

- 1. Increase the number of programs/topics that promote lifelong learning by 10%.**
- 2. Provide space and technology for programs of interest to the public.**
- 3. Survey residents on the types of programs/collections they might like to see offered.**
- 4. Evaluate programs and gather user's response as to whether programs are meeting their needs/expectations.**
- 5. Provide statistics as to number of programs offered and attendance.**



Service Response:

2. **Express Creativity: Create and Share Content**

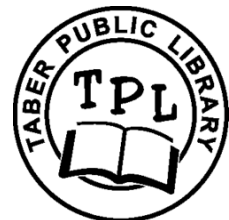
Residents will have the services and support they need to express themselves by creating original print, video, audio, or visual content in a real-world or online environment.

Goal:

Residents will view the library as a vital component in offering ideas and programs that promote creativity for all ages.

Objectives:

- 1. Increase the number of local exhibits by 5%.**
- 2. Make available space and equipment.**
- 3. Increase the number of programs that promote creativity by 10%.**
- 4. Partner with the local schools to showcase arts and language.**
- 5. Provide statistics as to number of programs offered and attendance.**



Service Response:

3. **Celebrate Diversity: Cultural Awareness**

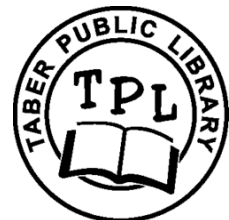
Residents will have programs and services that promote appreciation and understanding of their personal heritage and the heritage of others in the community.

Goal:

Taber Library will have resources available that support _____ and promote personal heritage and the cultures of others.

Objectives:

1. Develop 3 new partnerships to celebrate diversity.
2. Increase the number of programs/events that promote/celebrate diversity.
3. Provide statistics as to number of programs offered and attendance.



Service Response:

4. **Stimulate Imagination: Reading, Viewing, and Listening for Pleasure**

Residents who want materials to enhance their leisure time will find what they want when and where they want them and will have the help they need to make choices from among the options.

Goal:

Taber Library will provide materials that stimulate and promote imagination.

Objectives:

1. Survey users to find what they read, view and listen to for pleasure.
2. Provide programs that enhance the user's ability to enjoy the library's collections i.e.: using ebooks, movie nights, book clubs.
3. Increase the library's reading, viewing and listening for pleasure collection.
4. By 2018, there will be a 5% increase in the circulation of items relating to reading, viewing and listening for pleasure.

