

Galva Public Library

Long Range Plan 2022-2026

Mission Statement:

Galva Public Library provides a welcoming space for children and teens to further their success in formal education and a place for adults to further their enjoyment of lifelong learning pursuits.

Community Input Data:

1. In 2021, the Galva Public Library completed a community survey. We discovered that everyone liked what we currently have going on, some suggestions were to engage with the teens and tweens more. They also felt that we have a high turnover of property in town, so would like to see us address the newcomers to town. As always, keeping the children engaged in lifelong learning and a love of reading is essential!
2. Galva is a relatively small town in Ida County with a total population of 435. We have a few businesses in town, employing a fair amount of local people. This means that there are a lot of people that travel at least 20 -30 minutes to work each day. Galva is home to the Galva-Holstein Upper Elementary building that houses the 3rd - 5th grades for the 2 towns. According to the State Data Center, Galva's largest population group is the under 5 age group at 9.9%, followed by the 25 - 29 age group at 8.8%. Galva's largest occupation is "sales and office" at 28%, with "production, transportation and material moving" in close second place at 26.1%.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Children and young families will access the Galva Public Library for a variety of learning and literacy materials, recreational reading, and digital resources.

Objectives:

- A) Get a designated "children's" computer set up with games and databases with their age and learning in mind. We will enlist the help of the guidance counselor and teachers at the school for suggestions on this. Our plan is to have this done by August 2023.
- B) Continue to grow our maker space. We need to improve the shelving and grow our collection of Stem activities for kids of all ages.
- C) Enlist the help of other businesses in town to create Welcome Baskets for new residents to town. The library will include books for the kids, along with information on the library and it's programming. It should have information about all the services offered here locally.

Goal 2: Adults and senior citizens will turn to the library as a place to gain confidence when using technology, as well as a place to socialize and welcome new neighbors.

Objectives:

- A) Contact ISU Extension Agency to teach classes on how to use their smart phones, tablets and computers to access more of the services available to the public by January 2023. Enabling them to be more tech savvy and communicate with their grandchildren and others.
- B) We would like to set up a mentoring program where the adults read to children and children read to adults. This is very helpful in improving reading skills for the children. This should be implemented by spring of 2024.
- C) By winter of 2024 have our talented residents teach us their skills at things like: crocheting, knitting, painting, using a Cricut, making wreaths, etc. Use the resources available around us and create partnerships with the residents in town.

Goal 3: Encourage Teens and Tweens to use the library for socialization and learning.

Objectives:

- A) Partner with the ISU Extension Office to present a robotic camp, or something similar to interest our teens and tweens and get them back in our building. We would like to have this done by the summer of 2024.
- B) Have a family game night. To encourage all kids and adults to put down their electronic devices and get back to basics for just a little bit.
- C) Purchase a gaming device, like a Nintendo Switch, and host tournaments for the kids. Have a party at the end to celebrate all who participated. We would like to implement this by summer 2023.

Plan evaluation: The Galva Public Library Board and staff will evaluate the progress on achieving the plan's goals and objectives in November of each year. This evaluation will include reviewing areas of success, as well as determining if the unmet goals and objectives are still valid. We will brainstorm for fresh, new ideas to update our plan on a regular basis.

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