

Cremona Municipal Library

Plan of Service 2014-2018

Mission Statement

To provide a wide variety of library materials and services to meet the needs for information, recreation, education and cultural enlightenment to all segments of the community.

The Library Board recognizes that the role of the Library has expanded to satisfy the growing needs of the age we live in and that the Library shall continue to expand with the needs of the future.

Needs Assessment

With the assistance of facilitators from Parkland Regional Library, the Village of Cremona Library Board hosted a Community Needs Assessment meeting on May 14, 2013. Sixteen members of various community groups participated along with several library board members to identify key areas of concern within the community. As a result of this process, a number of service responses were put forth. The library board chose three areas that we felt the library could address.

Service Responses chosen:

1. Know your Community: Community Resources and Services
2. Stimulate Imagination: Reading, Viewing and Listening for Pleasure
3. Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical & Virtual Spaces

Know your community: Community Resources and Services

Goal: To collaborate with other local organizations, to encourage communication and co-operation that will promote the well being of all members of the community.

Objectives:

#1 The library board will facilitate an annual meeting of community leaders, the results of which will provide direction to enable groups to better serve the community

Measure: A compilation of the results of the annual meeting will be disbursed to all participating groups

#2 Provide an avenue for the broadcast of information relevant to local individuals and community groups.

Measure: A community information "bulletin board" will be erected at the library that all community groups can access.

Stimulate Imagination: Reading, Viewing and Listening for Pleasure

Goal: Provide a stimulating environment that inspires patrons to expand and/or foster new interests.

Objectives:

#1 Provide resources for visual and/or audio stimulation.

Measure: Library patrons will express, through ongoing surveys, satisfaction with the library facility and staff in broadening their horizons.

#2 Provide a vibrant space for children

Measure: The total number of children utilizing the library will increase

Visit a comfortable place: Physical & Virtual Spaces

Goal: All members of the community and surrounding area will have a welcoming environment where they can explore and develop their interests.

Objectives:

#1 Provide a warm and welcoming space for patrons. The board will continue to investigate and work toward library expansion (i.e. acquire the capital necessary through grants and fund raising and acquire an appropriate physical space).

Measure: Tracking of total amount of funds raised

#2 Provide programming and resources necessary to encourage the community to utilize the library

Measure: Increase the number of patrons using the library space, both as individuals and community groups. Library staff will track and record monthly patron usage of library resources