

South Beloit Public Library

Strategic Plan 2025-2028

Vision: The South Beloit Public Library: Creating opportunities for our community to explore, connect, and grow.

Mission: The South Beloit Public Library provides a welcoming environment at the center of our community that inspires learning, collaboration, and creativity through programming, and resources that enrich people's lives.

Goals

1. Actively engage with the community to promote literacy, inclusivity, and creativity.

A. Develop and promote library programming and resources to build literacy skills at schools, after school programming, and in library programs.

B. Create and implement a plan to analyze, improve, and implement our inclusive resources and programming.

C. Inspire innovation and creativity by leveraging community experts to deliver programs inside and outside the library.

D. Inspire innovation and creativity by leveraging creative spaces within the community to deliver innovative library programs.

2. Design a contemporary, adaptable, more energy efficient space that maximizes the use of our indoor and outdoor area.

A. Get up-to-date on building codes, accessibility standards, and design elements encompassing transitional library furnishings and fixtures.

B. Solicit proposals from and hire a design firm.

C. Set a budget for this work.

D. Prioritize elements of the plan that fit within our financial means.

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F. Establish a process for regular review of and updates to our space.

3. Provide additional programming and opportunities for the community to explore, connect, and grow by building and expanding partnerships for reach, resources, and space.

A. Contract with South Beloit High School to utilize their spaces to provide community members with enrichment and opportunities to acquire new skills.

B. Contract with county agencies and other organizations to provide education and services that enhance the lives of our community members.

C. Strengthen our existing partnerships and continue to provide and develop opportunities that sustain our relationship with their target audiences.

D. Partner with local organizations to provide at risk community members with education and information on available library resources.

E. Create a mechanism for identifying potential new partners and evaluating existing partnerships.