

TECHNOLOGY PLAN

ABSTRACT:

We believe that it is our duty to provide service to all the people and age groups in the community. These services should and will include access to current “real time” information and resources. The library will encourage the public to take advantage of the services that are provided.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT:

Chatsworth is a rural community located approximately 35 miles from any community with a population greater than 5000. The community is primarily agriculture based with some light industry. The school is a consolidated district with a Pre-K – 4th grade building located in Chatsworth. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year the district is realigning its school populations and the current building will become a Pre-K - 1 and will bear the name of Early Learning Center - East. There is a high incidence of low income populace (78% as reported on the school report card and census information). One of the major employers has recently dramatically reduced its workforce and combined two plants into one. The new plant in the closed facility employs substantially fewer individuals. Chatsworth also has a substantial number of government housing units.

COMMUNITY NEEDS:

Based on the community assessment, community demographics and the location of the community, the following needs have been identified:

1. Continue to provide a source of internet access to members of the community.
2. Provide current information and resources
3. Share resources with other libraries using the RAILS system to its fullest.
4. Continue to provide fax, laminating and copying services.
5. Provide access to technology for the community (offer classes to facilitate greater usage of the varied technological media)
6. Continue to work cooperatively with the school system to provide materials to the children of the community.
7. Continue to share resources with other libraries.
8. Encourage reading and promote use of the library by providing programming that reaches all age groups

VISION AND LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Our vision is to provide services to the Chatsworth community which enable all community members to be lifelong learners.

Means of implementing this vision include:

- A. Promoting computer awareness
- B. Providing Internet access
- C. Providing staff training
- D. Providing software for community use
- E. Utilize the RAILS system to enable patrons greater access to resources from other libraries.

- F. Continue to provide updated computers and programming relevant to the needs of the community.
- G. Maintain the library home page.

INVENTORY OF CURRENT EQUIPMENT:

Equipment is available for both staff and public use:

1. One Nook
2. One movie screen
3. One camcorder
4. One projector
5. 6 laptop computers
6. 17 desktop computers
7. One notepad
8. One microphone system
9. One microfiche reader and a collection of Plain Dealers dating back to the 1800's
10. 1 laser pointer
11. 1 laminator
12. 1 inkjet printer
13. 2 fax, scan, copy machines
14. 17 flat screen monitors
15. Analog phone line for phone and fax capabilities

PLAN TO ADDRESS TECHNOLOGY NEEDS:

1. Monitor filtering on children's and teen computers
2. Provide upgrades to all technologies as needed
3. Replace hardware as needed and necessary funding is available
4. Upgrade antivirus protection
5. Provide software programs as needs and funding are available
6. Constantly monitor new developments in the technological area
7. Continue to work with the town board, schools, churches, the Heritage committee and all organizations in partnership of providing the most current technological opportunities for our residents.