

Goffstown Public Library Mission Statement & Goals

Mission Statement:

The Goffstown Public Library will serve as a primary resource for community information needs. It will provide a comfortable place for citizens to access quality materials and programs, enhance cultural awareness and to explore issues of local, national and global interest.

I. Commons:

A. Goal 1: The Goffstown Public Library will continue to provide a place for people to gather for formal and informal conversation about town affairs.

1. The Board of Library Trustees will convene a group to address the library's facility needs and forward a proposal for improvement to town government by FY 2015.
2. The Board of Library Trustees will convene three meetings of town citizens to discuss library needs by FY 2012.

Activities:

1. TBD by the Board of Library Trustees

B. Goal 2: The Goffstown Public Library will provide a forum for community agencies and organizations to develop integrated service delivery, to share information on local and regional resources for the coordination of community service agencies.

1. The Goffstown Public Library will provide methods for agencies, services and organizations to coordinate service delivery to the community by FY 2010.
2. The Goffstown Public Library will create an online directory for community agencies and organizations by FY 2009.

Activities:

1. "Community Contacts" online directory to be updated annually.
2. Provide groups access to "Community Contacts" for easy listing and updating of information.

3. Staff will continue to represent library at meetings of local groups and organizations to coordinate efforts in the community.

C. Goal 3: Goffstown citizens will have a variety of opportunities to participate in library-sponsored programs to promote a sense of belonging to a multifaceted community.

1. The Goffstown Public Library will hold twelve extracurricular programs per year.
2. The Goffstown Public Library will document six publicity efforts in outside media.

Activities:

1. Implementation of programming/ events outside the regularly scheduled monthly programming.
2. Staff will consciously use community television, local newspapers, regional newspaper, community sign boards, online calendars, and more to publicize events.
3. Staff will complete program reports for each program documenting P.R. efforts.

II. Current Topics and Titles:

A. Goal 1: Citizens of Goffstown will have access to materials of interest in a variety of formats.

1. The Goffstown Public Library will weed 1,200 noncirculating items per year to create access to more popular materials by FY 2009.
2. The Goffstown Public Library will add 1,200 items per year of current interest to the community by FY 2009.

Activities:

1. Library staff will purchase new materials regularly throughout the year.
2. Library staff will regularly deselect items that are worn, damaged or no longer circulate.

B. Goal 2: The Goffstown Public Library will sponsor exhibits and lectures on topics of current local, national and global interest.

1. The Goffstown Public Library will sponsor two exhibits per year by FY 2009.

2. The Goffstown Public Library will sponsor four lectures per year on topics of local, national and global interest by FY 2009.

Activities:

1. Library staff will schedule community exhibits & lectures to meet these objectives.
2. Library staff will document exhibits and lectures photographically and by digital recording.

III. Cultural Awareness:

- A. Goal 1: Citizens of Goffstown will have a place to gather to explore their cultural heritage and the cultural heritage of others.

1. The Goffstown Public Library will convene a planning group to clarify the need for a place to connect with culture by FY 2010.

Activities:

1. To be combined with Commons, goal one activities by the Board of Library Trustees.

- B. Goal 2: The Goffstown Public Library will provide a variety of quality events for citizens to enhance their understanding of their cultural heritage and the cultural heritage of others.

1. The Goffstown Public Library will organize four cultural events per year by FY 2011.

Activities:

1. Library staff will plan and schedule community events in music, art appreciation and the humanities to meet this objective.

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