

LOPEZ ISLAND LIBRARY
LONG-RANGE PLAN 2012-2015

The Long-range plan was updated through 2015 in August 2012 to reflect the changing technology landscape of the world and our island community. Through over 400 library survey results and personal requests, Lopezians asked for access to electronic resources, a more collaborative and social networking options in our catalog interface and more mobile computing options. These changing priorities are reflected in the top service priority "Connect to the Online World."

Other input to create this plan came from the citizen's committee which helped develop this long-range plan (2009) and represented a varied demographic slice of the island's community: artists, business owners, young parents, educators, and retirees. The following people were asked to identify community needs and challenges and to come up with goals the library could work towards to meet these challenges. The committee consisted of:

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Goals and Objectives to Meet Library's Top Service Priorities

#1 – Stimulate Imagination/Satisfy Curiosity

1. Goal: Provide Opportunities for discussion of hot topics of the day.
Activities:
 - a. Library will provide educational forums which could include point and counterpoint – debates
 - b. Rotating Speaker forum
2. Goal: Library will provide resources and educational opportunities to support non-profit groups.
Activities:
 - a. Formation and creation
 - b. Sustained group health
 - c. Grant writing
3. Goal: Library will provide resources for Small Business
Activities:
 - a. Create own business
 - b. Have the resources to support small business growth and success
4. Goal: Library will provide creative events and resources to stimulate imagination
Activities:
 - a. Initiate a winter reading program for adults to complement our summer reading program for children
 - b. Provide musical and literary learning opportunities for children and adults

- c. Support creative projects in collaboration with the school and local groups
- d. Support and or sponsor visiting author presentations and discussions in both fiction and non-fiction areas.
- e. Support creative writing learning and activities at the library.

#2 – Connect to the Online World with the following goals and activities

1. Provide improved online discovery tools to help users with the complex collections now available to satisfy their information needs
 - Activities: Move to a next generation ILS
 - a. Understand the product options through testing and demos
 - b. Select and procure a discovery interface
 - c. Craft a great user interface, based on customer-demanded features (from customer surveys and feedback)

2. Increase electronic content available to users for use on mobile devices, such as Kindles, tablets, smart phones, etc.
 - Activities: Invest more of the collection budget for electronic content
 - a. Participate in Overdrive's Advantage program to increase popular content for e-readers.
 - b. Investigate options for e-readers from book vendors, such as Baker & Taylor and Ingrams
 - c. Use new discovery tools to market and deliver content to patrons more easily

3. Increase options for computing in the library.
 - Activities: Examine options of computing available in the new technology landscape
 - a. Examine feasibility of in-house iPad collection for additional "roving" computing needs
 - b. Work with Family Resource Center on usage guidelines for "computer lab"
 - c. Replace Children's computer with new and different children's programs
 - d. Update patron workstations with next generation computers, software and applications.

#3 – Visit a Comfortable Place

1. Promote safe and easy access to the library
 - a. Create safe pedestrian access to the library
2. Expand personal space for patrons.
 - a. Increase seating and computing options for patrons
3. Increase seating and usage of outdoor areas
 - a. Purchase additional seating options for outdoor areas