

Strategic Plan 2017-2021

Read for Informed Decisions

Continue to build & support a reading culture that encourages informed decision-making, literacy & a life-long love of reading.

Goal: Increase usage of library resources 10% by 2020.

Objective: Increase the Lopez community's ability to utilize their local library in a way that fosters their love of reading, and aids decision-making and lifelong learning.

Strategies:

- Position reading at the core of Lopez Island Library's youth services & increase adult literacy.
- 2. Enhance staff competencies related to reading & reader conversations with patrons.
- 3. Support book clubs, continue/enhance Literary Salon & children's storytime & programs celebrating books & reading.



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Know Your Community

Give patrons access to a central source for information for island living and learning.

Goal: Increase collaboration and connections between islanders and the wealth of information & service resources in our community.

Objective: Become Go-to place for islanders seeking information and assistance

Strategies:

- 1. Raise awareness of all non-profits on the island and their core missions.
- 2. Engage in more outreach to diverse groups around the island to share knowledge of resources and expertise available to all Lopezians.
- 3. Develop targeted messages to various island demographics highlighting the library's collection & features for all life cycles.
- 4. Offer expertise on creating "lending libraries".

The Lopez Island Library

Helping Youth Succeed

Collaborate with educators, students and homeschoolers, as well as a network of mentors to provide resources to help young Lopezians thrive.

Goal: Support successful lives of local youth
Objective: Make focus on "whole child" success.
Strategies:

- 1. Offer "How to study" and "effective research tools in the digital age" classes.
- 2. Collaborate with key community players to support a directory of subject contacts/ mentors by speciality for short term help with school projects and internships/job creation.
- 3. Collaborate on "creative spaces" benefiting youth to enhance "whole child" endeavors.

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Support a Healthy Community

Recognize and respond to increasing need for health information and assistance on Lopez

Goal: Increase collaboration with key island players and local health and wellness providers to improve avenues for access to health information for islanders.

Objective: Make focus on wellness & health Strategies:

- Increase collection titles in health & wellness.
- 2. Offer more speakers/programs aimed at health and wellness issues.
- 3. Identify programs to strengthen community health and wellness, such as Mental Health, First Aid to local groups and businesses.
- 4. Improve signage/information for access to free healthcare, suicide hotline, and more and more around library/in bathrooms, etc.