

Cherry Hill Public Library Strategic Directions 2020 - 2023

SUPPORT A PASSION FOR READING AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Focus on early literacy, school readiness, and school curriculum support

- Support readers with print, audiobook, and digital formats
- Curate collections for all ages selected by professional librarians
- Promote diverse authors (ex: people of color, LGBTQ+ {lesbian, gay, bi, transgender, questioning})
- Coordinate Summer Reading Programs and events

CREATE A CULTURE OF INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

- Encourage professional development and foster a positive staff culture
- Highlight STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) collections and maker programs
- Circulate non-traditional items such as GoPro cameras, WiFi hotspots, American Girl Dolls, and museum passes
- Enhance our website, our 24 hour virtual branch, with access to research databases and streaming materials
- Offer technology classes and one-on-one training on demand

BE THE PLACE FOR DYNAMIC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR ALL AGES

Host cultural programming for all ages and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes and collections

For Children: Story Times, cooking programs, literacy programs, World Explorers bilingual programs

For Teens/Tweens: College Prep, Anime club, life skills, volunteer opportunities

For Adults: computer classes, book clubs, movie series, author visits, local history, music and arts

For Underserved Communities: special needs, services for new immigrants, bilingual programs, LGBTQ+ community

BE A VISIBLE AND ENGAGED PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Continue outreach to schools and Cherry Hill Township events

- Strengthen partnerships with organizations, small businesses, Cherry Hill township, Friends of the Cherry Hill Public Library
- Pursue sponsorships, hold fundraisers, and apply for grant opportunities
- Increase public awareness of services, collections, and programs
- Host collection drives for community needs
- Increase the number of library card holders and circulation of items
- Ensure good customer service and staff competence from all library staff