

BROOKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Strategic Planning Committee
Minutes of meeting December 1, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m. In attendance were Elizabeth Tannenbaum, Howard Burrows, Lindsay Bellville, Jeanne Walsh, Connie Bresnahan, Starr LaTronica, Jennifer Lann, Susan Troy, Pam Becker. Absent: Kate Wylie
2. Agenda reviewed, no changes
3. No public comment
4. Minutes of November 17 approved.
5. Old Business- we worked on finalizing the Vision and Mission statements and the Service Priority list. These documents in their current form are attached to these minutes. Also attached is an email received from Howard Burrows with other suggestions for consideration.
6. New Business- put off for next meeting. ***We will be writing the action goals to go with the service priorities and assessing a new Information Literacy priority from Jeanne and Jennifer. Staff will meet between now and January 5, to develop their ideas of goals/actions.***
7. Other- none
8. Adjourned at 6 p.m. Next meeting will be in 2017 on Thursday January 5, in the Local History Room at 4:30 p.m.

BROOKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Vision, Mission statements and Service Priorities
Version current as of December, 2016

1. **Vision:** The vision of Brooks Memorial Library is that all members of the community recognize the value and utilize the resources of the library to spark curiosity and achieve (their?) aspirations.
2. **Mission:** The mission of the Brooks Memorial Library is to connect people and resources to inspire, inform, and empower our diverse community.
(some discussion about word “inform”)

To accomplish this mission, the Library

- Provides free and open access to (*carefully selected?*) materials, resources, and tools to advance individual and collective exploration
- Convenes conversations and creates collaborations and connections with leaders, organizations, and individuals within the community.
(*alliteration may activate alternative word choices???*)
- Offers cultural opportunities and experiences through programs, meetings, and exhibits within the library space and in other venues.

SERVICE RESPONSES

To achieve the vision and mission, the Staff, Trustees, and Friends of Brooks Memorial Library will make the following service responses and associated action items their guiding and organizing document for the years 2017-2121.

Brooks Memorial Library will:

1. Stimulate the imagination of library users, and support life-long learning through assistance, resources, and programming for reading, contemplating, viewing, listening, and conversing.
2. Support young readers from early literacy on.
3. Support teens by providing materials, resources, and programming for educations, entertainment, and engagement.
4. Foster technological understanding and confident, creative participation in an interconnected world, by providing assistance with, and access to current and emerging technologies on public and personal devices.
5. Provide welcoming physical and virtual spaces for library users.
6. Strengthen the community through awareness, engagement, and collaboration.
 - a. Conduct assessment of agencies, organizations, and individuals and create a catalog of community assets.
 - b. Establish a database of local resources which may be consulted and referred to by staff and public.
 - c. Convene community conversations to contribute to civic discourse.
 - d. Partner with agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide a broad spectrum of educational, recreational, and cultural programs for all ages.
 - e. Engage members of the community for advice on collection development.
 - f. Seek opportunities to provide experiences and resources in a variety of outlying locations.
7. Information literacy- **language to come from Jennifer and Jeanne**

