

Hughenden Public Library
Plan of Service
2022-2026

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Message from the Library Board

During the month of March 2022, the Hughenden Public Library Board posted a 10-question survey on the Library's Facebook page, as well as directly emailing key community members with the survey link. We hoped to gather feedback on how the Library can meet specific needs within the community. The results, along with Board member input, helped form the basis for the new Plan of Service for Hughenden Public Library for the next 5 years. The following document is the result of these consultations. The Library will continue its tradition of providing excellent service to the people of Hughenden and surrounding area, as it has done in the past.

Mission Statement

To provide a user-friendly environment where community members can access reading and audio-visual materials, high-speed internet, and other services for purposes of entertainment, education, and research.

Library Profile

The Hughenden Public Library has served Hughenden and Area since 1974. It is housed in the former Royal Canadian Legion building on Main Street. The Library has a collection of about 6500 items. The Library offers access to high-speed wireless internet 24/7, and has computers available inside the building for public use during Library hours. It is open to the public 15 hours per week, employing a part-time Library Manager, a Library assistant to work Saturday hours, and several volunteers.

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GOAL #1 – To provide patrons of all ages with materials and resources to enhance their leisure time.

SERVICE RESPONSES: Stimulate Imagination – Reading, Viewing and Listening for Pleasure

- Objective #1 – The Library Manager shall continue purchasing new materials based on collection reports provided by Parkland Regional Library, and patron feedback and requests
- Objective #2 – The Library shall continue holding a Summer Reading Program one day per week for 6-8 weeks in July and August each year, for children ages 5-12.
- Objective #3 – The Library shall strive to provide individual programming to appeal to patrons of various ages on an ongoing basis.
- Objective #4 – The Library Manager shall continue weeding the collection on an ongoing basis, based on recommendations and/or assistance from Parkland consultants, relevance, shelf space, etc.

GOAL #2 – To be a central source for information about programs, services, and activities provided by the Library itself, community agencies, local organizations, and businesses.

SERVICE RESPONSES: Know your community: Community Resources and Services

- Objective #1 – To continue making use of the Library's website and Facebook page to promote Library events, and to continue including Library updates in the monthly Village of Hughenden newsletter
- To continue being a central location for advertising community events on outdoor and indoor bulletin boards.

GOAL #3 – Patrons will have a safe and welcoming physical and virtual space to meet and interact with others, or to sit quietly and read. Patrons will have 24 hour access to the internet, either from within the Library building during open hours, or outside the building within range.

SERVICE RESPONSES – Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

- The Board shall continue exploring capital projects with funds donated by the Hughenden Library Guild.
- The Board shall actively pursue other avenues of funding, including non-government, private sector grants, to raise necessary funds for any future expansion projects.