

Rycroft Municipal Library

Mission Statement

The Rycroft Municipal Library is committed to the education, recreation, cultural awareness and freedom to read by all citizens, as well as providing comprehensive information in a wide variety of formats.

Vision Statement

By providing a warm welcoming setting for people of all ages, through a variety of resources and fun, creative programs, Rycroft Library endeavors to cultivate an informed and literate community.

Community Profile

The Village of Rycroft is located in the Peace Library System of Northern Alberta. It is situated 70km north of Grande Prairie, AB. Rycroft Library also extends its service to the rural communities surrounding our quaint Village.

Library Profile

Library Staff

Amy Verquin – Library Manager

Amy Verquin was hired as the librarian in March 2017. She has library hours 3 days a week. She is in the process of implementing a kids story time as well as some interactive game programs like a Lego night.

Brief Summary of Annual Report 2017

Library memberships – 95

Library visits – 2850

2017 total circulation – 1506

Resource Sharing

Items borrowed – 1012

Items loaned – 915

The library has 2 public computers with wireless access available for the public during library hours. Rycroft Library is open 21 hours per week.

Priority Service Responses

The goals and objectives of the Village of Rycroft Library are to:

- Serve the community as a center of reliable information
- Establish, maintain and preserve in an organized collection, items of an education, cultural and recreational nature
- Provide opportunity for recreation through the use of literature, and other art forms
- Support education, civic and cultural activities of groups and organizations
- Seek continually to identify community needs
- Co-operate with other groups which can provide programs or services to meet community needs.
- Reach out to all residents of the community to maximize use

To accomplish these goals and objectives, we plan to or have already begun to implement:

- Free memberships to eliminate any financial roadblocks to using the library and increase usage
- The building of co-operative relationships with other community groups
- The continued improvement of the inviting and welcoming physical nature of the library by gradually replacing furniture, chairs and shelving
- The improvement of our connectivity with the community by doing surveys and talking to patrons so that the library meets or exceeds the needs of the local area
- The improvement of the social media aspect of the community's connectivity
- Create a study, research, reference and quiet area of the library

To track improvements, we plan to compare stats with previous years to highlight improvements and areas that need further work.

Overview of the planning process

Purpose and process of the Rycroft Library Plan of Service:

The purpose of preparing regular long range plans is to both satisfy the requirement to do so by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Alberta and to give the library, it's board, and staff direction in their efforts to best serve the needs of the Rycroft and surrounding areas.

The Rycroft Library 2018-2020 Plan of Service is based on input from:

- Library board members
- Library staff
- Facebook poll on Rycroft Library page, flyer put in mailboxes in Rycroft, and flyers presented to patrons within the library.

Conclusion

The Rycroft Municipal Library board and staff continue to make every effort to meet the Government of Alberta and Municipal Affairs Standards and Best Practices for Libraries of Alberta. We appreciate the support of the Village of Rycroft and surrounding communities which enable the library to provide a high level of services to it's citizens.

Approved by Village of Rycroft Library Board on April 25, 2018