Oelwein Public Library Plan of Service 2023-2028

Mission Statement:

The Oelwein Public Library is a strong foundation providing programs and services that benefit our community. Our goal is to honor our storied past, enrich present lives, and encourage life-long learning. The library is a passport to success!

Goal: Maximize staff potential in order to provide optimal services to the public.

Objective: Staff will receive customer service training annually.

Objective: Staff numbers will be restored to pre-pandemic levels by hiring a part-time librarian by 2024.

Objective: A succession plan for the library director will be implemented by 2026.

Goal: Create a welcoming and functional environment.

Objective: The geothermal HVAC system will be replaced by 2023.

Objective: An updated outdoor digital sign will be installed by 2024.

Objective: An outdoor musical instrument garden will be installed by 2025.

Objective: Install a sound masking or baffle system by 2026.

Objective: The roof will be repaired and the ventilation system will be balanced by 2028.

Goal: Improve access to newly released titles.

Objective: Implement the Advantage program to the Bridges platform by 2024.

Objective: Purchase multiple copies of titles that have a wait list exceeding four reserves.

Goal: Develop marketing and communication strategies for library services and programs.

Objective: Include a monthly "Did You Know?" section in the library newsletter that highlights library services and collections.

Objective: Post the monthly library newsletter on Facebook.

Objective: Follow and share each Facebook event of businesses and organizations that collaborate in presenting programs with the library.