

Orchard Park Public Library

Long Range Plan

2025-2027

Mission Statement: To enrich the lives of the individuals of Orchard Park and Erie County's diverse communities by creating and sustaining superior public library services through responsive staff, dynamic collections, appropriate technology, access to global information and creative programming.

Goal 1: COMMUNITY and OUTREACH

The Orchard Park Public Library will strengthen our community through collaborative engagement, increased library awareness, inclusivity, relevance and value to the community.

1. Partner with community organizations and local businesses to promote library resources;
2. Promote usage of the library's meeting room and space to community organizations and other non-profit groups;
3. Solicit feedback from community stakeholders to determine their wants and needs;
4. Use multiple channels of communication, including social media, to engage with the local community and beyond;

Goal 2: PROGRAMMING

Regularly evaluate and diversify the Orchard Park Public Library's programming to inspire lifelong learning, foster community connections and ensure offerings are inclusive, relevant and accessible to all ages and backgrounds.

1. Continue to provide first-rate programming for patrons of all ages and backgrounds.
2. Provide continuing education opportunities for staff to inspire new programming ideas.
3. Partner with local organizations, businesses and individuals to supplement program offerings.

Goal 3: RESOURCES

Children, teens and adults will have engaging resources to encourage curiosity and personal growth.

1. The library will promote the use of system-wide and statewide resources to our patrons;
2. Evaluate collection resources for addition or retention to promote maximum use;
3. Increase collections that reflect the wants and needs of the community;

Goal 4: SPACE

The Orchard Park Public Library will provide a welcoming, comfortable and operationally efficient environment.

1. Evaluate the Orchard Park Public Library's physical space to assess how it can best achieve the greatest flexibility in collection display, gathering space and programming functions while remaining a comfortable, attractive and open destination for the community;
2. Emphasize the need for construction of additional community meeting spaces;
3. Choose environmentally sustainable products and materials whenever possible;

Goal 5: ADVOCACY and FUNDING

The Orchard Park Public Library will maintain exemplary communication with elected officials and stakeholders to secure adequate funding.

1. Encourage elected officials to actively support the library through ongoing promotion and funding support;
2. Collaborate with system administration to explore additional sources of funding;
3. Support the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library to maintain consistent fundraising goals and effectively communicate library needs;

Orchard Park Public Library Board of Trustee Goals

1. Secure adequate funding for the implementation of the goals as listed above.
 - 1.1 Support the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Board of Trustees in their ongoing effort to obtain funds in the annual Erie County budget and maintain and enhance library services to meet community need.
 - 1.2 The Board will keep current with emerging library trends.
 - 1.3 Encourage ongoing donations to the library, including memorials.
 - 1.4 Support the Friends of the Orchard Park Library in their fundraising and programming capacities.
 - 1.5 Promote community awareness of the services and needs of the Orchard Park Public Library.
2. Encourage community engagement with the library.
 - 2.1 Support and encourage library volunteers and the Friends of the OP Library.
 - 2.2 Support engagement with community partners.
3. Provide fiduciary oversight of the Orchard Park Public Library.
 - 3.1 Review and approve a written annual budget as prepared by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.
 - 3.2 Review disbursements and receipts of the Orchard Park Library operating and local account funds.
 - 3.3 Approve appropriate use of operating and local funds.
 - 3.4 Complete reporting documents as required by New York State and the federal government.
4. Monitor condition of the building, grounds, access, parking and signage and work with town departments collaboratively to best serve library patrons.
5. Advocate for library visibility and resources with the Town of Orchard Park and the greater community.

Approved by the Orchard Park Public Library Board of Trustees, June 10, 2025.