**Oskaloosa Public Library**

**Technology Plan 2021-2024**

**Mission statement:**

The Oskaloosa Public Library enriches the quality of life for our citizens by providing free access to Information, technology, and educational experiences.

**Current technology in place:**

*Computers: 12*

*Presently, there are 2 staff computers, 1 desktop used as a card catalog (OPAC), 7 public use desktop computers, one preloaded AWE learning station for children, one laptop mainly used by staff but can be checked out to a patron for in-house use.*

*Printers: 2*

*TV: 1 A “Smart” TV used with a DVD BLu Ray player and as a projection screen with laptop.*

**2020:**

The Covid-19 Pandemic presented the opportunity due to social distancing needs to purchase the second printer. Closing the library for approximately 2 months also caused staff to realize the limits of our WiFi. We were able to add an extension to provide more access and higher speed behind the library.

The staff also decided to take over the website that was a static one managed by NEKLS, to a dynamic one that enables timely changes and more features.

Facebook is utilized as one of the main avenues for marketing. Several stories were read and made available through Facebook.

**Future Technology Goals: 2021-2024**

1. A maintenance plan was in place to update computers, but has not been followed to the letter from the last plan. Most years only one was replaced. The Oskaloosa Library will get back on schedule to replace 2-3 computers a year to ensure that we have up to date technology. Attached is the list of computers and when they were purchased.
2. Replace the internet extender in the children’s room: 2021.
3. Increase monies budgeted in proportion to the increase in e-resources that continues to grow. A particular goal would be to investigate the purchase of specific software that lend patrons more options for publishing and graphics.
4. Advocate for better rural internet in our county with city county and state officials.

1. The staff will utilize workshops and online training to keep up to date with technologies that enhance the library and enables them to assist patrons.