VISION STATEMENT
To serve members of the Atchison community with a safe and welcoming space and access to information, knowledge, public services, cultural opportunities, and enrichment possibilities.
MISSION STATEMENT
The Atchison Public Library provides a safe and welcoming environment for all members of our community to read, think, learn, and flourish. We curate and maintain resources for our patrons and for future generations.

VALUES	OBJECTIVES
Community-Oriented—We serve the various communities that exist in Atchison through carefully curated collections and an array of event opportunities for a range of interests.	• Prioritize staff training to promote best practices in serving the community • Continually Invite community feedback to improve the ways the library serves the community • Pursue mutually beneficial, impactful outreach efforts and partnerships within the community and to develop ways to connect to the underserved in the community • Continually review key processes and procedures to determine if they need revision and improvement • Research and pursue options to develop funding and partnerships that will allow for APL's long-term sustainability
Adaptable—The library endeavors to accommodate changing interests and information needs for our diverse populations.	• Assess community needs to align them with existing technology, tools, programs, and services and develop new ones as needed • Investigate and assess current trends and technologies to determine alignment with community needs • Improve existing technology, tools, programs, and services based on community input • Improve promotion of technology, tools, programs, and services available to the community
Service-Focused— We will create a safe and welcoming environment by providing expertise with respect and kindness.	• Continually assess and improve how we serve all members of diverse community • Cultivate a safe and welcoming environment • Prioritize staff training for providing expertise in respective areas

Accessible— We provide convenient access to resources and services for information, knowledge, public services, cultural opportunities, and enrichment possibilities.	- Continually research technologies for emerging best practices for accessing resources and knowledge - Create and promote ways to access information and knowledge to benefit more members of the community - Create and explore ways to provide and promote public services, cultural opportunities, and enrichment possibilities to benefit more members of the community - Utilize community and staff input to respond to community wants and needs