

Wellsville City Library

Strategic Goals 2025-2027

Statement of Purpose:

Provide free and equitable access to a diverse collection of resources and information for all residents and non-residents, regardless of age, education, background, religion, race, or politics.

Serve as a vital center of community culture, recreation, and continuing education.

Actively engage with the community to understand their needs and provide relevant services and programs.

Encourage lifelong learning and personal enrichment through access to resources and programs.

Specified goals for the Wellsville City Library

Provide the community with:

- a) Free and equitable access to essential library resources, including high-speed internet, print and digital collections, and knowledgeable staff assistance.
- b) A gathering place for learning, entertainment, meetings, and community events.
- c) Diverse programs for all ages that encourage learning, recreation, and personal growth.
- d) Provide online access to library resources, including the library catalog, digital collections, state databases, and interlibrary loan services.

In order to make every effort to accomplish our goals, the library will:

1. Develop and maintain library collections that meet community needs and interests, actively seeking grants and funding opportunities to enhance resources, technology, and services.

2. Collaborate with the city to maintain and improve the library facility, actively pursuing funding opportunities to enhance the space and its resources.
 - a. Create a welcoming space for teens in our library. Make a social space that caters to lounging, socializing, and technology.

3. Collaborate with organizations such as NEKLS, the Friends of the Library Foundation, the State Library of Kansas, and other local organizations to offer diverse programs for all ages, including technology training, story times, LEGO Club, summer reading programs, and skill-building workshops. The library will also provide meeting space for civic organizations that benefit the Wellsville community.

4. The library will offer computer training on an as needed basis to the general public.

5. Offer an online circulation system with the assistance of NEKLS and participate in the state wide courier service with the help of the State Library of Kansas and NEKLS.

6. Invest in staff development and continuing education, including training opportunities provided by NEKLS, online platforms, and other relevant organizations.

7. Develop a marketing outreach plan that includes social media, local partnerships, and community events that highlight the library's resources and programs.