

FY2015 LME LIBRARY REPORT



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LILLIE M. EVANS LIBRARY DISTRICT

Long Range Plan FY15-FY17

In the spring of 2014, the Lillie M. Evans Library District began working on a long range plan covering FY15-FY17. We started with a survey in April that asked for input from both our library users and non-users.

Next we held a focus group in May. Community members representing many diverse perspectives participated in an evening long activity facilitated by the former Director of Consulting & Continuing Education at the Alliance Library System.

After the results were compiled, the director analyzed the infor-

mation collected and identified three goals for each year of the plan. The staff and board then worked together to refine these goals. Plans are available online for FY15, FY16, and FY17. We have also updated the Technology Plan for 2014-2017.

As part of the long range planning process, the LME Library Board identified multiple building needs and proceeded with the development of a Building Program in fall 2014. Led by consultant Fred Schlipf, the program outlines the space needs of the library and is the first step in a building project.

THE MISSION OF THE LILLIE M. EVANS LIBRARY DISTRICT is to provide materials and services to help residents meet their personal, educational, cultural, and professional needs. The Lillie M. Evans Library District supports an environment for life-long learning and is dedicated to making the Princeville community an attractive place in which to live, visit, and work.

Thank you to all who participated in the planning process. We could not complete these plans without the input of our patrons, community, staff and board.

Service - 100% of survey responders rated the library's customer service as either good or excellent.—April 2014

This year, we had the opportunity to update our technology through a grant from the County of Peoria. The funds were used to purchase laptops, tablets, and computers. In addition, the library purchased a laptop

recharging cart to store and secure the laptops and tablets when not in use.

Now, more than ever, patrons rely on their public library to provide up-to-date computer equipment and reliable Internet

access. Patrons often come to the library to develop or update life and career skills. Laptops, tablets, and computers assist patrons working to improve their skills and to locate resources.

Statistical Comparisons:

	2001	2015
Population	3,834	4,007
Collection Size	24,837	29,988
Circulation	28,874	45,203
Library Visitors	26,099	31,391
Children's Program Attendance	3,096	4,751



Access



On February 20, 2015, the library switched to the new RScat. The old catalog was using software that was more than 10 years old and only continued to be maintained since the new RScat was still in development.

Users of the new catalog will see not only a sleek new look but will be able to search and checkout e-books and e-audiobooks right from the catalog.

Other features like renewing books online and placing holds is still available for our users. Text messaging titles to your phone also continues to be available.

In addition to our library catalog, RScat, the library subscribes to several online resources for our patrons. Some of the resources require a LME Library card number and sometimes a PIN #. If you do not know your

PIN #, please ask at the library circulation desk for assistance. Home access is available for all LME Library cardholders

The Library bookdrop has been moved to the Evans Street entrance. Cokel's installed stainless steel edging to hide the rust we've been noticing on the bottom, and it looks like new. The move makes it easier for patrons to access and staff to empty.

Friends of the LME Library



The Friends of the Lillie M. Evans Library District support the library through the annual booksale. In FY2015, they supported the library by:

- Purchasing 5 Mine Craft licenses
- Purchasing Ellison dies for the Summer Reading Theme "Read to the Rhythm"
- Providing the Teen Summer Reading grand prize, sponsoring a Summer Reading performer, and providing refreshments at the pool party
- Purchasing 6 **Blocks Rock!** game sets
- Raffling a gift card during Holiday Homecoming

Community - "The library is such an asset to our community. Thank you for all you do." - Survey Respondent



Programming this year was enhanced by a grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities that used the power of documentary films to encourage community discussion of America's civil rights history. In early March 2015, we hosted a series of programs through the grant, *Created Equal: America's*

Civil Rights Struggle. The grant also provided some public performance DVDs for our collection and funding for publicity.

Our service project this year was for Project Linus. We had 56 blankets donated. These blankets went to local babies, children and teens through places like OSF

Hospital, Unity Point Methodist and local crisis centers.

Our biggest increase in programming needs this year was for usage of the meeting room for non-library events. Community use of our meeting room increased by 182% from 23 uses in FY14 to 42 in FY15.