

## OUR PLEDGE

This Strategic Plan represents an evolution in library development. We hope to expand our programming and acquire new technologies to offer you ongoing opportunities for creativity, discovery, enjoyment and learning at our branches. At the same time, our commitment to updating our collections remains central to our mission.

**The core philosophy of the library as a safe, welcoming space, affordable and accessible to all, remains intact.**

## OUR CONNECTION

We will connect with you through regular newsletters, articles, social media and questionnaires. **We'll tell you what we're doing and ask you what you want.**

Publishing an Annual Report featuring financial statements and activity highlights each year and conduct bi-annual financial reviews will be a key way to ensure that we stay on track with this plan.

## OUR CORE VALUES

- EXCELLENT SERVICE
- INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM
- ACCESS & INCLUSIVENESS
- INNOVATION & CREATIVITY
- LEARNING & CULTURE
- DIVERSITY

## GET IN TOUCH!



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## LOOKING AHEAD...

# A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE



## Mississippi Mills Public Library

# 2017-2026

### OUR MISSION

To inspire lifelong learning, provide equitable access to information, advance knowledge and strengthen our community

### OUR VISION:

An informed,  
engaged, creative &  
connected community

# THE NEXT 10 YEARS: OUR CORE DIRECTION

## WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU ENTER OUR LIBRARY TODAY?

Three friends examine the paintings in our corridor gallery as a library assistant serves the line-up at the desk.

In the reading room, an elderly gentleman sits in a wing chair scanning the newspaper. Two teens, curled into lounge chairs, are intent upon texting; they've come to enjoy the free WIFI service. Meanwhile, a family chooses a DVD for tonight's movie, a row of clients use the public access computers, a young mother reads to her toddler in the children's section and a technology tutor shows a new entrepreneur how to set up her own webpage.

The meeting room may be in use for an adult learning course, a photography group's monthly seminar or a Travelogue presentation, while at the back of the adult section, the staff-led book club chat about their latest selection.

**The transition to library as a gateway for the community is already underway.**

Shift the focus of the library from the **archive** model of the 20th century to the **gateway** model of the 21st century. The library is quickly becoming a central community space for people to meet, share ideas, discover and collaborate in learning activities.

**LIBRARIES WILL CONNECT TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AS PRIME SOURCES OF LOCAL INFORMATION, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**

## SUPPORTING DIRECTIONS:

