

# 2021 Annual Plan of Service Goals for West Florida Public Libraries



## **Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning**

*Expand STEAM offerings into topics specifically designed for adults and young adults*

- Start a beginners welding class
- Start a CNC woodworking class
- Start a longarm quilting class

*Establish new and expand existing partnerships*

- Partner with Head Start
- Partner with the new Superintendent of Escambia County Schools
- Partner with area Hearing Impaired and Deaf service providers to resume ASL Storytime
- Partner with Bellview Elementary and Bellview Middle Schools for “Bellview Branch Library”

## **Create Young Readers: Early Literacy**

*Include State of Florida VPK topics into storytimes with specific subject areas covered each month*

- Create shared plans and themes to be included each month (i.e., Colors, Letters, Numbers)
- Include newborns in our youth “No Fines, No Fees” library cards.
- Secure approval to place “New Reader” library cards into the “Brain Bags” distributed at all Escambia County Hospitals

## **Stimulate Imagination: Reading, Viewing, and Listening for pleasure**

*Online discussion groups*

- Utilizing social media add interaction for those who are unable to attend in-person events

*Resume STEAM discussion group.*

- Resume the STEAM focused reading club
- Resume Makers Meetup to discover areas of interest specific to our region

*Continue “new release” movie night events*

- Family friendly (G thru PG-13) movie events to be shown outside when possible

## **Information Fluency: Understand how to find, evaluate, and use information**

- Create a “Find the Phony” class that mixes facts with fiction to teach research skills
- Create a “Recognizing Propaganda” class that reviews types of propaganda and how to recognize it
- Expand online Treasure hunt events to develop research skills
- Expand newly developed BitMoji Classroom to increase resource awareness

## **Be an Informed Citizen: Local, National, and World Affairs**

- Offer RefUSA training to teach how to gather demographics

## **Discover your Roots: Genealogy and Local History**

- Offer genealogy classes at each library location and online to improve awareness of resources available

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