2027 Annual Plan of Service Goals for West Florida Public Libraries

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

STEAM offerings for all ages:

- 3D Design and Fabrication (3D printers, modeling stations)
- Silhouette Cutting Machines (vinyl, paper, foam, and other precision materials)
- Hands-on electronics instruction (soldering, software, functional proficiencies)
- Art Creation Opportunities (paint, ceramics, glass, mixed media)
- Fiber Arts Classes (long-arm quilting, upholstery, leather embossing, sewing, embroidery, costume design, etc.)
- Expand Musical Instrument Programs (instrument creation, learning to play, live performances, etc.)
- LEGO Builder Clubs (all levels)

Maintain and Expand Partnerships:

- Help Me Grow, Early Learning Coalition, Head Start (early learning initiatives)
- Escambia County School District (GED programs and youth literacy)
- Autism Pensacola (Inclusive programming and staff training)
- ARC Gateway (independence and community inclusion)
- Council on Aging of West Florida, West Florida Area Health Education Center (senior services and wellness)
- Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, Pensacola Museum of Art, Pensacola Opera (arts partnerships)
- City of Pensacola — "Movie in the Park" (Craft Activity Sponsor)
- West Florida Genealogical Society (local history and genealogy)
- Escambia County Emergency Management (public preparedness education)
- Escambia County Neighborhood and Human Services (community engagement and outreach)

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

- Partner with the Escambia County School District to provide Book Vending Machines promoting positive behavior and lifelong literacy
- Pre-School Storytimes incorporating State of Florida VPK topics to improve school readiness
- Multi-Lingual Storytimes & Cultural Activities (Spanish, Vietnamese, American Sign Language, Chinese, and others)*— as bilingual readers become available
- Maintain and update the Library "Brain Bags" distributed at all Escambia County hospitals

Stimulate Imagination: Reading, Viewing, and Listening for Pleasure

- Vocabulary Builder Storytimes – in coordination with local community centers
- Dungeons & Dragons: Roleplaying Literacy and Storytelling Program
- Book Clubs for all ages (Adult Reading Club, Manga Reading Club, Graphic Novel Book Club)
- Music Experiences & host music showcases featuring local talent (Jazz by the Books Concerts, school orchestras, chorus, and bands concerts).
- Movie Clubs (Family Movie Night, Anime Club)

Information Fluency: Understanding and Using Information

- Practical Information Fluency (Internet content evaluation, Using the Library Card Catalog, Classes about our Online Databases)

Discover Your Roots: Genealogy and Local History

- Create a Memory Lab (Photo & Document digitization, VHS-to-digital, audio digitization, and film preservation)
- Offer genealogy classes at each library location to increase awareness and use of available resources

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

- Promote community engagement and collaboration through informational displays, guides, and digital postings on the library website and social media platforms

Featured LIBRARY REMODEL and CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

- Myrtle Grove Library

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