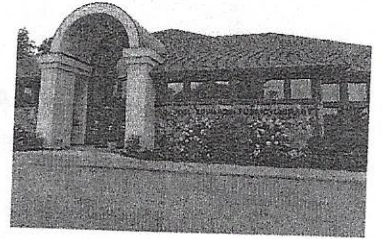


J. JOEL EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ZEBULON, GA

DEPARTMENT HEAD RETREAT

April 5, 2022



21ST CENTURY LIBRARY

COVID update

- The main area of the library is now fully open, with all public computers available.
- We are in the process of re-opening the STEAMroom for public use with regular staff.

PROGRAMMING

- Weekly in-house programs for pre-k and toddlers
- Monthly programs in 3 schools, 2 day cares, Head Start; Senior movie day; adult DIY; cooking with kids
- Active summer reading program, both in-house and in the ZE City Park
- FRRLS van for regional use

FUTURE GOALS

- Striving toward meeting minimal GA Public Library Standards
 - Deficient areas: FTEs
- Private rooms for studying/tutoring/meetings, etc.
- Outdoor meeting space (picnic tables; enclosed pavilion)
- Increased STEAMroom area (maker space)
- Larger meeting room
- Increased adult/senior programming
- Increased outreach

ADVISORY BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN

REQUESTS

- Better phone system

LIBRARY INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR IMPACT FEES

FUTURE FACILITY DEMAND BASED ON POPULATION

Based on the 2025 projection from the Governor's OPB and the Georgia Library Standards:

Current square footage: 9840

2025 population estimate: 19,188

GPLS Standards recommendation of .6 sq. ft. per person = 11,513

Difference: Estimated increase of **1,673 sq. ft.**

EXISTING COLLECTION MATERIALS (TOTALS)

28,470

EXISTING SQUARE FOOTAGE OF FACILITY

9,840

COST PER SQUARE FOOT FOR EXPANSION

The cost of adding an additional 1673 sq. ft. would run around \$250.00 per square foot based on the scope of work that would need to be completed. This cost would include the changes that would need to be made in the current square footage due to the effects of adding additional areas. The overall project cost would be estimated around \$418,250.00.

STATE AID AVERAGE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

AVERAGE COST PER VOLUME OF MATERIAL

\$25

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

Pike Co. BOE provides \$2866/yr. to the Regional office; that amount is designated for cataloguing gift books.

J. Joel Edwards Public Library Advisory Board Strategic Plan

Approved December 2021

Purpose

The purpose of the J. Joel Edwards Public Library (JJEPL) Advisory Board is to support and advise the library manager and staff, and to work with Pike County authorities, Pike County Schools, and the Friends of the J. Joel Edwards Public Library (Friends), toward the common goal of building and maintaining a state-of-the-art multimedia community library to serve the growing needs of the citizens of Pike County both today and into the future.

We will rely on advice and counsel from both the Georgia Public Library System (GPLS) and the Flint River Regional Library System (FRRLS) to ensure that our goals are consistent with and supportive of, and in compliance with, current regulations and mandates.

Short and Long-term Strategic Planning

Our strategic plan is divided into two sections, each with a unique set of specific goals and objectives. To maintain focus and progress, future Board decisions and discussions should henceforth be prefaced with the question, "Does this fit into our strategic plan?"

Short-term Plans and Immediate Actions

The goals and objectives listed in this section are within both the authority and ability of the Board to begin immediate implementation and execution. Programs will be conceived, directed, and executed by Board members and volunteers, requiring no use of county assets. These goals will strengthen the Board's foundation within the community by promoting both the library manager's vision and the needs of the community we serve.

The Immediate (and overarching) Actions for each goal listed will be created and executed by the Board. Immediate Actions will be published in a separate document so that they may remain dynamic and protean to correspond with shifting needs of the library, the county, and the community. Board Members may be assigned to head committees for specific goals and regularly report their progress to the Board.

- 1) Create and maintain a social media presence offering news, updates, and information about the library and library programs and services. A part of this presence will include digital media education programs to assist the community in accessing and using digital media devices and services provided by JJEPL, FRRLS, and the GPLS.
- 2) Direct Board funds toward the purchase of additional circulating materials including books, ebooks, audio books, etc., beyond those funded by the Georgia Public Library System or the Flint River Regional Library System.
- 3) Contribute funds to support community and public programming, as example, the annual Summer Reading Program, which is a perennially popular program. These programs drive community interest, increase traffic to and use of the library, and greater amounts of circulating materials within the county and community.

- 4) Create and maintain a stronger bond and working relationship with the Friends of the Library. We will volunteer, as able, to assist with Friends-sponsored programs, book sales, and other programs and fund-raising events.
- 5) Coordinate with other FRRLS library boards to create synergies and exchange ideas and strategies. The JJEPL exists within a larger system, so it is wise to avail ourselves of successful programs and ideas generated by other Boards and libraries therein and beyond. We will also willingly and freely share any successful ideas and programs with other boards and entities.

Long-term (5-10 years) Plans

These long-term goals and objectives will require support and cooperation of County Authorities. It is our intention to justify these expenses and renovations through pursuance of our short-term goals, combined with input from the citizens, schools, and businesses of Pike County. The Board will regularly report its results to County Authorities and the Friends of the Library, and request assistance and advice as necessary to complete each goal.

- 1) Work with county authorities, GPLS, and FRRLS to raise funds for expanded meeting/study space within the library. This will include private study space with internet access, as well as spaces for small meetings among groups. These spaces are desperately needed until the County is fully served with access to reliable, highspeed broadband internet. The spaces will be of continued value for students, teachers, and citizens after broadband is available county-wide.
- 2) Work with county authorities, GPLS, and FRRLS to raise funds for a larger, more comfortable, and technologically advanced common space for larger meetings and community events. There are currently few adequate spaces available within Pike County for important meetings, gatherings, and programs.
- 3) Work with county authorities, GPLS, and FRRLS to raise funds for covered outdoor space for scheduled programs and general patron and community use.

These goals and objectives are subject to change as determined by County authorities, community needs, and the library manager. Board members should be flexible, but firm, in pursuance of the goals and objectives listed in the document and adjust as required.