



**Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library**  
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**Plan of Service**  
**2021 - 2025**

The Lake Pleasant Public Library is a member of the Southern Adirondack Library System and was chartered as a Municipal Public Library under New York State's Education Laws in 2007.

The library serves the Towns of Lake Pleasant, Arietta, Morehouse, Wells, and the Village of Speculator. The Lake Pleasant Public Library plays a vital role in extending knowledge and information through books, events, and programming. By engaging people in conversation, we encourage them to be active in our communities. Because the library is located in the Adirondacks, unreliable residential internet coverage/service is a given. Therefore, our digital divide is less a divide of those who can or cannot afford service but whether service is available on any given day.

Residents of the Town of Lake Pleasant were mailed a survey to determine their library needs and preferences. This plan reflects the responses of the local population, library patrons, and our community leaders.

## **Mission Statement**

To provide a full spectrum of library services for all community members by offering programs that enrich lives, provide digital information access, and promote reading and life-long learning.

## **Goals**

- Provide our patrons with WiFi and computers, a much-needed service.
- Manage our collection by removing items not used and adding new materials.
- Serve the community by providing computers, internet access, and audio-visual equipment for public use.
- Expand the library's role in the community by actively recruiting and training volunteers to be familiar with our policies, computers, and collection.
- Continually assess the community's needs and work with the school and other community-based organizations to provide programs and services for these groups.
- Keep the community informed about the library and library events through Facebook, website, news, flyers, and the annual report.

## **Objectives**

- The Board of Trustee President, Treasurer, and Director will develop an annual budget in cooperation with the Town of Lake Pleasant. The yearly budget will maintain and expand the library collection and up-to-date technology.
- The Director will work with the Friends of the Library to seek additional funding.
- The Director will communicate with the Town to ensure regular building maintenance, so it is comfortable, safe, and secure.
- Provide a safe, welcoming, inclusive community space for year-round and seasonal residents.

- The Director will reach out to public and private art, administrative agencies, recreational and community groups, the school, and Town to partner for programming and presentation.

### **Strategy**

- Upgrade the library's current internet service to high-speed service. With assistance from the Joint Automation group and Frontier Communications.
- The Director will attend all Friends of the Library meetings and seek to improve relations.
- The Director will phase out audiobooks and expand classic and non-fiction work. The Federal Depository Library Program will expand information about grants, historical documents, the Congressional Record, and other government records.
- The Director will search out and apply for grants to assist in new programming involving the cultural arts, literary arts, and recreational activities.