AMITYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Technology Plan

Mission Statement: The Amityville Public Library provides services to the residents of the Amityville Union Free School District. The library assists people with current, high interest materials, and useful information in specific areas of knowledge in a variety of formats.

Technology: In furtherance of that mission, the library will avail itself of all forms of information and entertainment resources, including print, non-print and electronic to better serve the public. This plan addresses specifically the technology and electronic element in the furtherance of our mission.

Assessment of Current Technology Services: The library currently has available 16 Internet ready computers and one printer for public use. These computers also offer access to word processing, desktop publishing, spreadsheets and database management. The library has two laptop computers that can be used with a large screen projector for use in technology classes and demonstrations.   The library also has four computers designated for the use of children's educational games and four computers used by patrons to search the library's catalog and holdings. Currently, our library is using an internet connection with up to 1.5 mb of bandwidth as part of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. We anticipate this usage will increase as our community's patrons reap the benefits of using our high speed connections.

Public Service Technology Goals

Reference Resources: To make electronic reference tools available when it is the best and most cost effective way to do so.

Telecommunications: To provide the community with the telecommunications framework necessary to identify and obtain information electronically from both the home and library for research and enlightenment through participation in a regional network.

Resource Sharing: To collaborate with the Suffolk Cooperative Library System and the other public libraries in Suffolk County to offer access to technologies and a sharing of holdings and resources.

Internet: To offer patron access to the Internet, from both home and the library, and to assist users with finding, using and evaluating information online.

Computer and Technology Literacy: To support the community's need to develop computer and technology literacy through classes and the assistance of a trained staff.

Public Computer Availability: To make computer hardware and software available to the public at the library.

ADA Access: To ensure that the same level of electronic access to information is available to people with disabilities through the provision of assistive technologies and a staff skilled in its use.

Staff Training: To insure that the Library staff is well trained and experienced in using and assisting users with the technology available. This will be accomplished through classes, workshops, training, access to computers and other technologies and an institutional philosophy that encourages independent exploration and skill development. This past year's schedule of training is attached as an example of this effort. Similar schedules will likely be followed for the period of this plan.

Infrastructure Objectives

Bandwidth: To maintain and expend as necessary the appropriate bandwidth required to satisfy access to online resources and other shared networks. Our current bandwidth needs are sufficient over the plan's period.

Technology: To maintain an inventory of all Amityville Public Library technology to be used in evaluating the currency and scope of the library's technological holdings. The library is committed to having the technology necessary to offer the public access to the services and information that it needs. Our current inventory consists of: 16 Public Access Computers for Internet access and Office products; 2 workstations for Reference data base access and Office products; 4 OPACS; 1 Print Management station; 1 public computer reservation station; 1 laptop for training demonstrations. We anticipate the following changes over the life of this plan: space constraints limit expansion. The Library has a 3 to 4 year replacement cycle for hardware, with software updated as needed.

Telecommunications: To maintain an inventory of all Amityville Public Library telecommunications hardware to be used in evaluating the currency and scope of the library's telecommunications capacity. The library is committed to having the telecommunications capacity necessary to offer the public access to the services and information that it needs. Our current inventory consists of: Two T1 lines and one cable connection. We anticipate the following changes over the life of this plan: No changes anticipated at this time.

Training: To develop and implement a technology education program for staff and patrons at the library.

Evaluation: To monitor the library's technological accomplishments and to do a periodic written evaluation of the library's technological status.

Electronic Doorway Library Program Compliance: The Amityville Public Library fully supports the goals and objectives of the New York State Division of Library Development's Electronic Doorway Program. The Amityville Public Library will adhere to the principles of the EDL and, in collaboration with the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, endeavor to provide the best possible access, content, and training for library staff and library users.

Compliance with CIPA and Other Legislative Initiatives: The Amityville Public Library respects the goals and objectives of CIPA and other legislative initiatives and will work to ensure that the library complies fully with all of its legal requirements.

Budget Information Statement: The Amityville Public Library currently budgets approximately $142,763 per year in support of library technologies. This includes approximately $35,242 for personnel, $61,120 for software and services, $15,607 for automation and hardware, $13,377 for telecommunications and networks, $14,417 for consortium fees, and $3,000 for technology training. Our projected budgets include:

Budget Area	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Telecom & networks	13,377	15,000	15,000
Technology Training	3,500	4,000	4,500
Technology Personnel	37,356	39,597	41,973
Software & services	62,500	65,000	67,250
Automation & hdwre	17,000	18,000	19,000
Consortium fees	14,750	15,500	15,500

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