



## **Riverhead Free Library Long Range Plan**

The mission of the Riverhead Free Library is to serve the community, cultivate knowledge, promote curiosity and inspire lifelong learning. The library will do so in an inviting, accessible and eco-conscious manner.

- Foster an atmosphere of life-long learning for all, encourage a love of reading (regardless of format) in children, young adults and adults. Provide and promote opportunities for personal development at all levels. Celebrate learning of every kind.
- Continually listen to the community, identify its unique personality and tailor collection and program offerings to their distinctive needs/wants. In particular, be aware of changes in the composition of the population and new trends as they become visible. In the year preceding the expiration of each Long Range Plan, offer an opportunity for the community to contribute their thoughts and ideas to the process through comment cards and a survey.
- In collection and program offerings, take into consideration the broad spectrum of our constituency. Make every effort to draw our entire diverse community into making use of the Library facility as a community center. Ensure a safe and clean environment.
- Strike a balance in offering traditional library services for those who wish while at the same time constantly updating technology and electronic resources to better serve our patrons. Provide as many opportunities as possible for staff enrichment, particularly new technologies.
- Collect, preserve and provide local information, current and historical.
- In light of economic challenges and the “tax cap,” seek to maintain or increase our services to the community. Strive for moderation combined with excellence, practice economies where possible and resist the ephemeral in favor of substance. Investigate areas of cost savings.
- Evaluate and improve patron space.