



# HARDISTY AND DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Plan of Service 2016-2020

Approved by the Town of Hardisty Library Board

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## Hardisty and District Public Library

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### Mission Statement

The Library is dedicated to the education, recreation, cultural enlightenment, freedom to read, and information needs for all citizens.

The Library Board recognizes that the role of the library has expanded to satisfy the growing needs of the age we live in and that the library shall continue to expand with the needs of the future.

### Vision Statement

The Hardisty and District Public Library serves citizens of Hardisty and area by providing a location where literacy is nurtured and everyone is encouraged to find the joy of discovery, reading, and lifelong learning.

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### Planning Process

As part of the process of managing and controlling a municipal library, *The Alberta Libraries Regulation* requires Library Boards to file a new Plan of Service with the Minister at least every five years. The Plan of Service must contain a mission statement and goals and objectives based on a needs assessment of the municipality or municipalities served by the board.

To that end, a community needs assessment meeting was organized by the Town of Hardisty Library Board to inform the development of a new five-year Plan of Service. The Library Board selected a group of individuals to represent a broad cross-section of the Town of Hardisty and surrounding areas. Individuals were invited to the meeting on March 22, 2016 based on their knowledge of community issues and their ability to represent the interests of one or more stakeholder groups. 15 community members were present at the meeting, including Billi-Jo Wildeboer (library manager), and Sherry-Lynn Zwaan (board chair). The meeting was facilitated by Parkland Regional Library consultant librarians.

Based on the needs identified at the meeting and Hardisty and District Public Library's resources, members of the board and the library manager selected three service responses: **Satisfy Curiosity**, **Know Your Community**, and **Visit a Comfortable Place**.

### Acknowledgements

The Town of Hardisty Library Board would like to thank the participants of the community needs assessment meeting for their valuable contribution to Hardisty and District Public Library's Plan of Service.

## Service Response: Satisfy Curiosity

### *Lifelong Learning*

**Goal:** School-aged kids and adults will have programs that foster arts and culture.

Objective: Each year, Hardisty and District Public Library will provide a minimum of two programs per age group.

## Service Response: Know Your Community

### *Community Resources and Services*

**Goal:** Residents will have resources that provide them with information about community events and services.

Objective: 75% of respondents indicate they find information about community events or services through the Library.

## Service Response: Visit a Comfortable Place

### *Physical and Virtual Spaces*

**Goal:** All residents will have opportunities to view local art at the Library.

Objective: Within the first year of this Plan, the Library will establish a gallery wall and approach local artists to display their art.

**Goal:** Residents will have a safe and welcoming space free from bias and prejudice.

Objective: 10 out of 15 people asked say the library space feels safe and welcoming.

**Goal:** Community groups will have space to hold meetings or events at the library.

Objective: Each year, one new community group will use the library space.