

PIONEER LIBRARY SYSTEM

2016 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1) INCREASE ACCESS TO LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS

Team Leader: Lindsay Stratton

Purpose:

Our member libraries have troves of local history materials that contain the unique stories of their communities. By centrally coordinating local history initiatives and providing financial support for high-priority projects, the Pioneer Library System can help libraries preserve these materials and increase access to these collections without a burdensome time or financial commitment.

2) HELP LIBRARIES ACHIEVE HIGHER BANDWIDTH LEVELS

Team Leader: Bob Wicksall

Purpose: High bandwidth levels are necessary for libraries to meet the technological needs of library users. The high cost of bandwidth in this region has prevented some libraries from purchasing adequate bandwidth.

This is a year in which the Pioneer Library System has the potential to help libraries offer significantly higher bandwidth levels, although it will depend on the successful implementation of several projects:

3) SUPPORT LIBRARIES' PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT

Project Leaders: Ron Kirsop

Purpose: A library's staff is its greatest asset. The Pioneer Library System can help libraries build their staff into strong leaders and make confident personnel decisions.

4) HELP LIBRARIES CREATE NEW EXPERIENCES

Project Leaders: Hope Decker

Purpose: Circulation of library materials is declining across the System, but libraries are busier than ever developing new services, expanding outreach efforts, and reaching new users. Pioneer Library System would like to help its member libraries continue to foster this spirit of innovation by creating low-risk opportunities for library experimentation.

5) PARTNER IN “1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN” EFFORTS

Project Leader: Pat Finnerty

Purpose: Research has shown that being read to at home is the most reliable predictor of school success. Reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers helps close the vocabulary gap and prepares children with the skills they need to succeed in kindergarten. Our member libraries play a critical role in early literacy education. The Pioneer Library System will implement a variety of outreach projects designed to connect families with the library so that any child in the region can have access to 1,000 books before kindergarten.