

BECOMING A COMMUNITY HUB

OUR BACKGROUND

Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library













8 TIPS ON HOW TO BECOME A COMMUNITY HUB

1. Develop a Strategic Plan 5 year plan

WHY?

Copies of our overview, agendas for the sessions and

the final Strategic Plan for our Library have been made available for you to use as a guideline. I would highly suggest getting someone outside of your organization to do your initial Strategic Plan planning sessions. After you have one in place it is easier for someone within the library to run future planning sessions.



2. Change the Atmosphere Within your Library











Red	Yellow	Green	Blue	Pink	Violet/Purple	Brown	Black	White
Lust (S)[23]	Jealousy (S)[23]	Good Taste (F)[23]	Masculine (S)[23]	Sophistication (S)[21]	Authority (S)[23]	Ruggedness (S)[21]	Grief (S)[23]	Happiness (S)[23]
Power (S)[24]	Competence (S)[21]	Envy (S)[23]	Competence (S)[21]	Sincerity (S)[21]	Sophistication (S)[21]		Sophistication (S)[21]	Sincerity (S)[21]
Excitement (S)[21]	Happiness (S)[23]		High quality (F)[23]	Feminine (S)[23]	Power (S)[23]		Expensive (F)[23]	Purity (S)[23]
Love (S)[23]			Corporate (F)[23]				Fear (S)[23]	

Special



New Arrivals



Best Sellers



3. Communication/Marketing

Consistency is KEY



Everyone knows what this is







Social Media













4. Partnerships

With who?



5. Programming

- Don't limit yourself to story times or author reads
- We view a library as an information source ...
- Our local museum does 3-4 displays/exhibits a year at our library









Highlight Love to Read month with multiple activities



Approach groups about getting together at the library



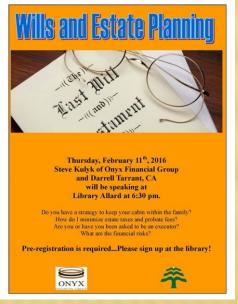
One Day Events

- Lego Sculpture Contest
- Superhero for a Day
- Mature Driving
- Healthy Eating
- Painting
- •Wills and Estate Planning
- Funeral plans









Continual Events (operates

multiple times)

- Cooking
- Cake Decorating
- Lego Club
- Crochet Club
- Craving Change
- Better Together Now
- Technology for Seniors
- Introduction to Scratch 2.0
 Computing Class
- Photo Rally
- •TD Summer Reading Club











Consider large community events – outreach

➤ Kickass Women's Day









Walk/Run for Literacy







- Our library is now having venues/artists approach us about doing programming in the library
- •They have witnessed the response we have to our programs due to promotion and Facebook followers
- •This took 5-7 years to happen ... That is taking into account that this position didn't exist until 2009.



6. Money

- Will your changes/programs be provided through grants or selfsustainability?
- The last two years we have received 25% of our annual budget from grants and/or fundraising ... This is not including the funding we receive from PLS or municipal funding!!



Our library did not have a programming budget on the revenue or the expense side until 2 years ago.

7. Look outside of your space

Make sure what you do is dynamic YOU WANT TO STAND OUT!!



8. Time

Change takes time



Track results ... Is this change successful ... Worth our time and effort ...
 What should we change if we run it again

Where do I find the inspiration?

- Google search libraries
- Check out Pinterest and type in libraries or library displays



- Attend some webinars that PLS finds for us on the training calendars
- I take about 2-3 a month, all have been free but as the library Board has seen the benefit they have now approved a professional development budget

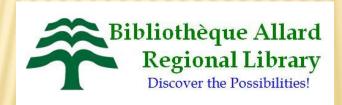
Professional Development – Suggestions to Read

- Guide to the Use of Libraries and Information Services Jean Key Gates
- The Guy Friendly YA Library: Serving Male Teens Rollie James Welch
- Fundamentals of Collection Development and Management Peggy Johnson
- 101+ Great Ideas for Libraries and Friends Sally Gardner Reed
- Read Unselling Scott Stratton
- David and Goliath Malcolm Gladwell
- Nitty Gritty Guides Laura Solomon
- Why Smart Marketing is About Help not Hype Youtivity Jay Baer



What is the point to all this work'

- Raise awareness about your library
- Raise interest in your library
- To create a yes atmosphere and attitude within your library



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