

Vision, Mission, Values

Our Vision: Stillwater Public Library strengthens our community by advancing literacy, enriching lifelong learning, and empowering civic engagement. We want every Stillwater resident to have a library card and use it regularly.

Our Mission: Stillwater Public Library connects members of our community with the power of knowledge, the possibility of new ideas, and the opportunity to engage with one another.

Our Values: Welcoming Everyone, Strengthening Connections, Championing Literacy, Upholding Intellectual Freedom, Embracing Change

Strategic Themes



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Culture & Organizational Health

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Objectives:

- Bolster the library's position in the community as an accessible, free, safe, and welcoming destination for everyone.
- Anchor the library's role as a connector within the larger social and economic fabric of the community.
- Preserve and honor the unique character of the historic Carnegie library.
- Protect the library's people, property, and information.
- Maintain and improve library spaces and amenities to enhance the user experience.



The library is a bridge from our history to the future.
We evolve to meet changing needs while honoring our past and strengthening our legacy of public service.



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Objectives:

- Grow the library's commitment to reducing barriers to access.
- Provide meaningful opportunities for community engagement.
- Expand the library's reach with materials, programs, and services that reflect community needs and inspire diverse groups to seek access.
- Support users of all ages in their education, literacy, and enrichment aspirations.
- Help users navigate and engage with a broad spectrum of information and resources.
- Uphold the principles of intellectual freedom.



The library is a passport to information and ideas.
We are committed to improving access to services and connecting people to the resources they need.



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Objectives:

- Cultivate an inclusive organization focused on equitable outcomes and services for all.
- Build staff capacity to deliver on our mission and create opportunities for development and growth.
- Boost public awareness of the library and its value and role in improving the lives of people in the community.
- Align financial and operational resources with strategic priorities to ensure long-term sustainability.



The library is the heart of our community.
We recognize that the vitality of the library depends on a healthy internal culture as well as the trust and support of our stakeholders.

