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Elbridge, New York 13060  
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### **Elbridge Free Library Five Year Plan: 2020-2025**

**The Mission of the Elbridge Free Library is to enhance literacy, inspire curiosity and develop community connections by bringing resources, people, ideas and information together in a nurturing environment.**

**Over the next five years, the Elbridge Free Library has set the following goals and objectives with strategies which will guide the library in its fulfillment of the Mission Statement.**

- 1. The Elbridge Free Library will be a community hub for the Village of Elbridge, enriching lives by providing a means of social, cultural and intellectual interaction.**

**\* Foster community partnerships for library programs and services.**

- \* Host a diverse range of programs for all ages that encourage a deeper understanding and appreciation of the world while promoting social engagement.**
  - \* Hold large community events at least twice a year.**
  - \* Seek grants for speaker fees and program supplies.**
  - \* Expand offerings of museum and local attraction passes and discounts.**
  - \* Continue to have coffee available in the library and consider offering nutritious snack options.**
- 2. The Elbridge Free Library will provide a flexible and adaptable physical space that is accessible to all residents and adequately supports collections and services.**
- \* Consider having the Elbridge Historical Society relocate to another building in order to provide more space for our programs.**
  - \* Investigate options for a dedicated meeting room.**
  - \* Update library website to meet current ADA standards.**
  - \* Consider creating a mural on the West side of the building with the inclusion of community members.**
  - \* Continue to provide interactive children's spaces that encourage a love of learning and exploration.**
- 3. The Elbridge Free Library will enhance existing collections and services.**
- \* Seek patron recommendations for collections.**

- \* Keep comprehensive collection studies to identify gaps in collection.**
- \* Develop collection standards and weed all collections accordingly.**
- \* Identify popular trends in print and non-print materials and purchase accordingly.**
- \* Monitor use statistics for all collections and allocate budget monies accordingly.**

**4. The Elbridge Free Library will improve coordination and communication with regional, state and national library associations.**

- \* Provide opportunities for staff and board members to attend trainings, conferences and workshops.**
- \* Join state and national library associations.**

**5. The Elbridge Free Library will continue to develop new offerings to patrons as community needs change.**

- \* Explore non-traditional library collections for possible purchase.**
- \* Address space concerns for additional collections.**
- \* Identify needs of the community through patron surveys, discussions, and other means.**
- \* Analyze circulation statistics to identify trends.**

**6. The Elbridge Free Library will adapt services as new technology becomes available.**

- \* Maintain and update our current equipment and replace when needed.**
- \* Identify emerging trends in technology that further the library's mission.**
- \* Evaluate effectiveness of existing technology and identify areas for improvement.**