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Elbridge, New York 13060

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Elbridge Free Library Five Year Plan: 2026-2030

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 offer Little Free Pantry 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.