

# **BOWDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## **Service Priorities 2015 - 2019**



### **MISSION**

The Bowden Public Library will serve the community as an information and popular materials library for people of all ages, promoting learning, literacy, connection and communication through programs and services that are convenient, affordable, accessible and of high quality.

### **VALUES**

We respect:

- Individual differences
- Cultural diversity
- Differing economic backgrounds
- Privacy for patrons

We believe in:

- Accountability for management of public funds
- Accessibility of public records
- The statement of Intellectual Freedom
- Collaboration of partnerships with other organizations and volunteer groups

## **1: Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces**

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**Goal:** Children and youth will have a welcoming and safe place to gather and spend time individually or with others.

**Objective 1:** Each year, starting in 2015, the number of children and youth using the Library will increase.

**Objective 2:** By 2019, there will be a 5% increase in children and youth using the Library.

## **2: Stimulate Imagination in Bowden and Surrounding Area**

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**Goal:** Residents of Bowden and surrounding area will have materials and activities to enjoy their leisure time.

**Objective 1:** Each year 80% of users surveyed indicate that they have had easy access to the materials they want.

**Objective 2:** There will be a 10% increase in circulation of materials from 2015 – 2019.

**Objective 3:** By 2017 the Library will offer at least four events or activities per year.

## **3: Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning**

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**Goal:** Residents will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives.

**Objective 1:** By 2017, the Library will have a variety of at least four programs that appeal to and engage residents to participate in activities.

**Objective 2:** 80% of program attendees surveyed will respond that the activities and events were worthwhile.