## Woods Memorial Library, BarreYEARCarol Witt, cwitt@barrelibrary.orgFY2023

| Actions                       | Timeframe<br>for Activity | By Whom          |
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| Create Strategic Plan FY2024- | FY2022-                   | Director, Staff, |
| FY2028                        | FY2023                    | Trustees         |

## **Goal:** Serve as a Community Resource Center

| Objectives (if included in current strategic plan)  | Actions  | Timeframe<br>for Activity | By Whom  |
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| To expand upon the<br>library's potential to serve<br>as a community resource<br>center where residents can<br>access all types of media,<br>technology, and<br>information in-house or<br>virtually. | Update library technological<br>capabilities by adding new<br>computers and other technologies<br>for users to experiment with in the<br>library.  | Ongoing                   | Director,<br>Adult/Technical<br>Services Librarian,<br>Staff                 |
|   | Update the Library's website,<br>including the addition of short<br>video explanations of how to<br>access and use C/W MARS<br>services, to enhance use of the<br>online catalog for all types of<br>learners. | FY2021 -<br>Ongoing       | Adult/Technical<br>Services Librarian,<br>Youth Services<br>Librarian, Staff |
|   | To use universally accessible<br>principles to promote inclusivity<br>and to maximize the potential of<br>access to information (e.g. make<br>peripheral computer devices<br>available).                       | FY2021 -<br>Ongoing       | Adult/Technical<br>Services Librarian  |
|   | To assess the library space and<br>users' needs within the space to<br>develop future plans for<br>comfortable seating areas, meeting<br>room needs, and Internet access<br>points.                            | FY2021 -<br>Ongoing       | Director, Staff  |

Goal: Serve as a Community Resource Center (cont.)

| Objectives (if included in current strategic plan)  | Actions   | Timeframe<br>for Activity | By Whom   |
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| Continue to expand<br>community partnerships<br>with cultural, civic, and<br>social groups, as well as<br>businesses, associations,<br>and organizations. | Co-sponsor programs and<br>informational meetings in the<br>library and within the community.<br>Provide information to the public<br>about opportunities offered by<br>these partners. | Ongoing                   | Director, Youth<br>Services Librarian,<br>Adult/Technical<br>Services Librarian |
|   | Continue to work with other area<br>libraries, non-profits, and<br>museums to provide shared<br>training and networking<br>opportunities.   | Ongoing                   | Director  |

## Goal: Create Young Readers

| Objectives (if included in current strategic plan)   | Actions   | Timeframe<br>for Activity | By Whom   |
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| To motivate and inspire<br>children ages 0 to 12 to<br>read, learn, and feel<br>connected with their<br>library. | Work to expand and strengthen<br>partnerships with local educational<br>institutions and other community<br>partners.   | Ongoing                   | Youth Services<br>Librarian, Director,<br>Community<br>partners |
|  | Work with schools and<br>homeschooling families to provide<br>relevant materials for student<br>projects and research through<br>collection development and<br>interlibrary loan. | Ongoing                   | Youth Services<br>Librarian,<br>Community<br>partners           |
|  | Encourage new youth patrons by<br>facilitating elementary school field<br>trips to the library for activities<br>and instruction.   | FY2021 -<br>Ongoing       | Youth Services<br>Librarian,<br>Community<br>partners           |
|  | Provide programming that meets<br>the interests of children and<br>families, including STEAM<br>opportunities.  | Ongoing                   | Youth Services<br>Librarian,<br>Community<br>partners           |

Goal: Create Young Readers (cont.)

| Objectives (if included in current strategic plan)   | Actions  | Timeframe<br>for Activity | By Whom  |
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| To provide parents,<br>caregivers, and service<br>providers of young<br>children with the tools<br>necessary to encourage and<br>foster young readers. | Host speakers at the library to<br>discuss topics like early literacy<br>and provide dual programs for<br>children simultaneously so parents<br>may attend alone.  | FY2021 -<br>FY2023        | Youth Services<br>Librarian,<br>Community<br>partners                  |
|  | Provide readers' advisory lists for<br>various age groups by subject by<br>using the Novelist feature within<br>the online catalog. Continue to<br>teach families how to use this<br>feature.  | FY2021 -<br>Ongoing       | Youth Services<br>Librarian  |
|  | To use the children's space as a<br>place to display informational<br>posters and materials that supports<br>parents' roles in fostering their<br>child's early reading skills,<br>cognitive development skills, and<br>social emotional growth. | Ongoing                   | Youth Services<br>Librarian  |
| To motivate and inspire<br>young adults ages 13 to 17<br>to read, learn, and feel<br>connected with their<br>library.                                  | Create a Teen Space that<br>encourages the emotional, social,<br>and intellectual development of<br>young adults.  | FY2021 -<br>FY2023        | Youth Services<br>Librarian, Director,<br>Staff, Community<br>partners |
|  | Provide materials and<br>programming that meets the<br>interest and educational needs of<br>young adults.  | Ongoing                   | Youth Services<br>Librarian, Director,<br>Staff                        |
|  | Work to expand and strengthen<br>partnerships with local educational<br>institutions.  | FY2021 -<br>Ongoing       | Youth Services<br>Librarian, Director,<br>Community<br>partners        |
|  | Create a Teen Advisory Board,<br>including older Juveniles, to<br>encourage the active engagement<br>of young adults at the library.   | FY2023                    | Youth Services<br>Librarian, Director                                  |

Goal: Inspire Lifelong Learning

| <b>Objectives (if included in<br/>current strategic plan)</b>   | Actions   | Timeframe<br>for Activity | By Whom   |
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| To motivate all age groups<br>to continue to expand their<br>horizons, while<br>maintaining a strong<br>connection with their<br>library community. | Increase programming and support<br>for patrons, including readers'<br>advisory services, academic<br>support, and, as needed, training<br>using online resources.                      | Ongoing                   | Director,<br>Adult/Technical<br>Services Librarian,<br>Youth Services<br>Librarian        |
|   | Encourage staff to take continuing<br>education courses and/or<br>participate in relevant professional<br>development opportunities.  | Ongoing                   | Director, Board of<br>Trustees  |
|   | Provide basic, intermediate, and<br>advanced classes on using the<br>Internet, experimenting with<br>emerging technology, and<br>searching proprietary databases.                       | FY2021 -<br>Ongoing       | Adult/Technical<br>Services Librarian,<br>Director, Staff                                 |
|   | Support cognitive development<br>and social-emotional well-being<br>for ages birth to 5 years old with<br>library materials and programs for<br>children and caregivers.                | Ongoing                   | Youth Services<br>Librarian, Director,<br>Staff   |
|   | Provide as needed one-on-one<br>instruction to patrons when using<br>library hardware and software to<br>assist with information finding<br>and/or empower patrons'<br>continued usage. | Ongoing                   | Adult/Technical<br>Services Librarian,<br>Director, Staff                                 |
| To maximize opportunities<br>to share a wide variety of<br>art, nature, history, and<br>culture with patrons.                                       | Co-sponsor programs with other<br>local institutions covering topics<br>such as energy conservation,<br>cooking/baking, local history,<br>crafting/workmanship, the arts,<br>etc.       | Ongoing                   | Director,<br>Adult/Technical<br>Services Librarian,<br>Youth Services<br>Librarian, Staff |
|   | Create collections of material<br>specific to local historic people<br>and places, and highlight the<br>collections with relevant programs<br>and community partnerships.               | Ongoing                   | Director, Staff   |

Goal: Stimulate Imagination

| Objectives (if included in current strategic plan)  | Actions   | Timeframe<br>for Activity | By Whom         |
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| To provide materials and<br>programs that excite<br>patrons' imaginations and<br>provide pleasurable<br>reading, viewing, and<br>listening experiences. | To evaluate the collections and<br>provide materials that meet<br>popular demand; and to create<br>space for said collections with<br>continued maintenance and<br>weeding practices. | Ongoing                   | Director, Staff |
|   | Continue to provide access to e-<br>content for online users through<br>C/W MARS.   | Ongoing                   | Director, Staff |