

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Grimsby Public Library is an important part of community life. It is a trusted place where residents come to learn, connect, access resources, and explore new ideas. As Grimsby continues to grow and evolve, the Library must also continue to grow and adapt, ensuring it remains responsive to changing needs while continuing to deliver the core services and supports the community values.

Ready for What's Next sets a clear direction for the Library over the next five years. Informed by community input, perspectives from Library staff, the Library Board, Town representatives, and background research, the plan reflects a vision for the future of library service in Grimsby. It recognizes the Library's important role not only as a provider of collections, programs, and services, but also as a welcoming public space and community connector.

Vision

Integral to a thriving community, we are Grimsby's home for learning, creativity, and connection.

Mission and Values

We bring knowledge, resources, and experiences within reach, helping people navigate and participate in community life

- Community First
- Learning for Life
- Everyone Belongs
- Access for All
- Trusted and Open



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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



These strategic priorities position GPL to build on its successes, respond to emerging opportunities, and continue serving as a trusted, innovative community hub that is ready for what's next.

Delivering What Matters

- Establish the Library as a go-to-destination for learning, technology, creativity and exploration.
- Evolve in-branch services with a focus on accessibility, flexibility, sustainability, and ease of use.
- Enhance visibility, understanding, and use of library offerings

Connecting Our Community

- Emphasize the Library's role as a community connector.
- Improve collaboration with the Town in support of coordinated planning and an integrated response to shared priorities.
- Meet people where they are through proactive outreach, community partnerships, and targeted engagement.
- Deepen community support and cultivate philanthropic partnerships.

Growing with Grimsby

- Ensure staffing capacity is aligned with current and emerging service demands.
- Invest in library spaces and service models that improve the user experience and meet the demands of a growing Grimsby.
- Embed organizational practices that support effective service delivery now and in the future.
- Strengthen the Library's advocacy and ability to demonstrate its value within the community.



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