

DIVERNON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LONG RANGE PLAN 2026-2030



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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This is to acknowledge the efforts of the Divernon Township Library Board of Trustees and Library Staff and Consultants in the development of the Long Range Plan for the library. The development of the plan represents the continued growth and development of the Divernon Township Library District as an integral part of the Divernon Community.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Library Director	Trish Austin
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LIBRARY PROFILE

The Divernon Township Library serves an area with a population of approximately 1,500 people. The library was started in 1965 by the Women's Club with volunteers and donated books. In April of 1967, it was established as the Divernon Township Library. The library is currently located on the west side of Divernon's square in an approximately 1,556 sq. ft. building purchased from the Village of Divernon in 1999.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Divernon is located approximately 18 miles south of Springfield, Illinois, directly off Interstate 55. It's a rural community with the population consisting largely of those who commute to work in the Springfield area or farm the surrounding area.

The library is accessible to all residents, including those with physical disabilities, living within the Township of Divernon without fee.

PLANNING PROCESSES DESCRIPTION

Due to the changing needs of the community, the members of the Board of Trustees consistently evaluate and update plans for the library.

The members of the Board of Trustees serve as the planning committee with the Library Director serving as an *ex officio* member.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Divernon Township Library is to provide the members of our community with a wide variety of books, materials and access to technology to the best of our ability.

LIBRARY GOALS

The Library Board of Trustees has chosen to focus on the following primary goals:

- Develop community awareness of what the library has to offer.
- Provide our patrons with an up-to-date collection of popular materials as well as the most current information through the latest technological equipment and applications.
- Maintain a safe, accessible facility with a pleasant, welcoming atmosphere which meets the needs of the community.
- Upgrade and expand our facility to accommodate the growth of the library.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1

Develop community awareness of what the library has to offer

OBJECTIVE

1. Publicize programs, services and activities through local newspapers, schools, posters, social media, and our website.
2. Organize and participate in community activities.

GOAL 2

Provide our patrons with an up-to-date collection of popular materials as well as the most current information through the latest technological equipment and applications.

OBJECTIVE

1. Spend a minimum of 10% of the library's operating budget on materials for patrons each fiscal year.
2. Regularly replace patron computers to ensure access to the latest technology.
3. Maintain a collection of eBooks and eAudiobooks through IHLS.

GOAL 3

Maintain a safe, accessible facility with a pleasant, welcoming atmosphere which meets the needs of the community.

OBJECTIVE

1. Investigate the feasibility of replacing the facility's overhead lighting with brighter, more energy-efficient LEDs.
2. Determine whether the facility's HVAC system would benefit from a UV light to prevent mold and mildew.

GOAL 4

Upgrade and expand our facility to accommodate the growth of the library.

OBJECTIVE

1. Update all electrical outlets to accommodate present & future electrical devices the library may install.

REVIEW AND REVISION OF TIME TABLE

The library Board of Trustees will annually review these goals and objectives, revising them as needed.

In 2030, the Library Board of Trustees will review the entire Long Range Plan and determine the need and time frame for a new planning cycle.