

# DIVERNON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

# TECHNOLOGY PLAN

## **Abstract**

The Divernon Township Library's technology plan for the future involves improving the usefulness of the library's technological capabilities for our patrons, while faithfully maintaining our current technological equipment.

This includes taking steps to expand our multimedia capabilities by purchasing a television for use in the children's area, purchasing an integrated copy/scan/fax machine for ease of patron and staff use, and replacing or updating our existing equipment as it becomes outdated.

It is the belief of the library board that such advances in technology will greatly benefit the library staff and patrons by providing access to current technology to all members of our community.

## **Vision**

The vision of this library is to provide the highest level of library services possible to its patrons by keeping pace with technological advances as they occur.

## **Technology Needs Assessment**

The library has recently expanded and updated much of our technological equipment.

We have recently:

- Replaced the printer available for Patron use.
- Purchased and installed a security system.
- Updated our archaic, underpowered wireless router, making internet access faster and more reliable for our staff and patrons.
- Updated the underlying code for our website, making the site remarkably faster and more secure.

As we look toward the future, we will plan to find ways to integrate emerging technologies and make them ever more accessible and useful to our patrons.

## ***Technology Assessment/Inventory***

The Divernon Township Library, which operates a peer-to-peer Local Area Network, currently utilizes five computers and two laptops. Three computers are available for patron access.

The Integrated Library System used by the Divernon Township Library is POLARIS. The POLARIS database is housed at, and maintained by, the Illinois Heartland Library System.

The Library's website is hosted by Bluehost and managed by WordPress.

The current Technological Components in use by the library include the following:

<b>Inventory</b>	<b>Current Count</b>
Desktop Computers:	
Patron Use	3
Staff Use	2
Laptops	2
Peripherals:	
Printer/Scanner	1
Printer/Scanner/Fax	1
Security System	1
Internet Connection:	
Cable Modem	1
Wireless Router	1
Multimedia:	
4K Smart TV	1
Blu-Ray Player	1

## ***Addressing Our Technology Needs***

### ***Goals:***

Our goals for meeting our future technology needs are:

1. To replace technological equipment as needed to provide the best experience for our patrons.
2. To ensure that our website stays current and useful to the community.
3. To purchase a second TV for use during our monthly children's movie nights, story hour, and the summer reading program.
4. To purchase one printer/scanner/fax machine for staff and patron use.

### ***Strategies/Action Steps:***

To achieve these goals, we will take the following steps:

1. The Library Director will monitor any and all technological equipment at the library's disposal for signs of degrading usefulness. The Library Director will notify the Library Board of any defective or outmoded equipment and they will take steps to replace or update this equipment as needed.
2. Our IT contractor will be responsible for maintaining the website and keeping the underlying code current to ensure that our website is fast and convenient for our patrons.
3. A committee will be formed to research the purchase of a flat screen television and wall mount. This will occur within the next 6 months, or immediately following the Library's bathroom remodel project.
4. A committee will be formed to research the purchase of a combination printer/scanner/fax machine to be used by staff and patrons alike. This will occur once we have determined that our current printers are in need of replacement.

## ***Anticipated Outcomes***

We anticipate the following outcomes as a result of increasing our technological capabilities through quick equipment replacement strategies, proper website maintenance, and expanding our multimedia capabilities:

- Increased patron satisfaction.
- Positive public involvement.
- Increased library usage by the community.