



**Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library**  
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**Plan of Service**  
**2021 - 2025**

The Lake Pleasant Public Library is a member of the Southern Adirondack Library System and was chartered as a Municipal Public Library under New York State's Education Laws in 2007.

The library serves the Towns of Lake Pleasant, Arietta, Morehouse, Wells, and the Village of Speculator. The Lake Pleasant Public Library plays a vital role in extending knowledge and information through books, events, and programming. By engaging people in conversation, we encourage them to be active in our communities. Because the library is located in the Adirondacks, unreliable residential internet coverage/service is a given. Therefore, our digital divide is less a divide of those who can or cannot afford service but whether service is available on any given day.

Residents of the Town of Lake Pleasant were mailed a survey to determine their library needs and preferences. This plan reflects the responses of the local population, library patrons, and our community leaders.

## **Mission Statement**

To provide a full spectrum of library services for all community members by offering programs that enrich lives, provide digital information access, and promote reading and life-long learning.

## **Goals**

- Provide our patrons with WiFi and computers, a much-needed service.
- Manage our collection by removing items not used and adding new materials.
- Serve the community by providing computers, internet access, and audio-visual equipment for public use.
- Expand the library's role in the community by actively recruiting and training volunteers to be familiar with our policies, computers, and collection.
- Continually assess the community's needs and work with the school and other community-based organizations to provide programs and services for these groups.
- Keep the community informed about the library and library events through Facebook, website, news, flyers, and the annual report.

## **Objectives**

- The Board of Trustee President, Treasurer, and Director will develop an annual budget in cooperation with the Town of Lake Pleasant. The yearly budget will maintain and expand the library collection and up-to-date technology.
- The Director will work with the Friends of the Library to seek additional funding.
- The Director will communicate with the Town to ensure regular building maintenance, so it is comfortable, safe, and secure.
- Provide a safe, welcoming, inclusive community space for year-round and seasonal residents.

- The Director will reach out to public and private art, administrative agencies, recreational and community groups, the school, and Town to partner for programming and presentation.

### **Strategy**

- Upgrade the library's current internet service to high-speed service. With assistance from the Joint Automation group and Frontier Communications.
- The Director will attend all Friends of the Library meetings and seek to improve relations.
- The Director will phase out audiobooks and expand classic and non-fiction work. The Federal Depository Library Program will expand information about grants, historical documents, the Congressional Record, and other government records.
- The Director will search out and apply for grants to assist in new programming involving the cultural arts, literary arts, and recreational activities.

## Southern Adirondack Library System 2022 Challenge Grant Application

Budget:

In the "details" column, provide information on the item being budgeted for in this category.

Category	Project Funds Requested	In-Kind/Matching	Total	Details
Purchased Services			-	
Equipment	3050.00		3050.00	Labor & Excavator
Materials/Supplies	950.00		950.00	Fine crusher run, pea stone, geo textile fabric, electrical conduit.
Personnel			-	
CE Program Registration			-	
Travel			-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4000.00 -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4000.00-</b>	

Library Director Signature:

*Sherry Matthews*

Board President Signature:

*Karen McCamb*

Date:

March 21, 2023

Submit all documents as PDFs through our online application portal.

Hand-written applications will not be accepted.

**Photo 1:** Front of the library where the pathway will curve around the flower garden.



**Photo 2:** The gravel walk-way will begin in the front and to the left the bench and travel to the north-side of the parking area.





The walk-through held for the Lake Pleasant Public Library included a well-known and frequently seen member of the town. Deborah O'Rourke is here often and was town clerk when our expansion project was developed; she has since retired.

Ms. O'Rourke as a member of our community, brings her grandchildren here for programs and events. She knows the danger the front of the building can be to those who skate around the front lawn, especially during programs and events.

Ms. O'Rourke noted how dangerous crossing from one parking lot to the other during events poses a problem, especially for people with children and the elderly. The idea that this would be rectified by an additional walkway extending from the current path at the bench and crossing over to the north-side parking would be fantastic. This addition would add more dimension to the grounds and permit a landscaper to add more Adirondack plants.

# #5

**COMPLETE**

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## Q1

Contact Info

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## Q2

What are the goals and objectives of your project?

The Lake Pleasant Public Library holds a couple of programs where community members enter the library on the north side of the building and exit on the south side; between spring and fall, people sit on the lawn or bench, and in every case, we see people walking along Route 8. This situation is dangerous, and we are worried about someone being struck by a moving vehicle or a child running near or into traffic. The solution is to connect the north parking lot with the south with a stone walkway, keeping the public from being too close to the highway.

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## Q3

How will this project change the library building?

It will not affect the building per se. It would make it safer for our visitors and add another aesthetically pleasing aspect to the front of our facility.

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## Q4

How will this project benefit your patrons?

This project will give our patrons a convenient and safe way to traverse the front of the building.

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**Q5**

What is the timeline for the project?

After discussing this with the contractors, the consensus was that the project should be completed by early fall.

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Page 2: Project Assessment

**Q6**

EVALUATION: What tools will you use to evaluate the program quantitatively (i.e. statistics)? What tools will you use to measure the program's success qualitatively?

We will estimate the number of people who use the pathway in front of the library. The number of people traversing the path will also let us know how well it is being used.

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**Q7**

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**Q8**

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**Q9**

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**Q10**

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