

IV. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

GOAL #21 – Provide quality library service by meeting the educational, informational, cultural, professional, and recreational needs of the residents of Citrus County in a creative and positive manner.

Collection Development

- Objective 21.1 Develop collections of material in an array of formats that are responsive to the needs of all patrons utilizing library services in Citrus County through: 1) Analysis of demand for materials by format type and subject area through circulation data, patron requests, and surveys; 2) Analysis of community demographics and statistical projections; and 3) Planning and development to enhance the availability and accessibility of the collections and resources.
- Policy 21.1.1 Regularly review the available data on the demographics and projections of the surrounding service area for each library facility.
- Policy 21.1.2 Regularly focus on how the collection is utilized by each segment of the community and establish targets for focused development of the collections to ensure that a broad array of subject areas and formats is available and easily accessible.

Physical Facilities

- Objective 21.2 Provide County residents with well-maintained facilities that are accessible, of adequate size and provide for functional and flexible use of space as determined through analysis of community needs in each library facility's service area.
- Policy 21.2.1 Regularly evaluate the need for new facilities in each region of the County.
- Policy 21.2.2 Regularly evaluate the condition of each library facility to determine current and future maintenance needs and ensure that all facilities remain attractive, up-to-date, and public-service oriented.
- Policy 21.2.3 Regularly evaluate how the functional interior spaces in each library facility are utilized for the provision of services and for flexibility in correlation with the use of public space and of the collections in all formats.

Community Education

- Objective 21.3 Serve all residents of Citrus County as centers for lifelong learning and ensure equal and open access to information and resources that support personal and professional development.
- Policy 21.3.1 Provide access to quality educational and cultural programs, classes, and materials that enhance the quality of life for all citizens.
- Policy 21.3.2 Continue to develop adult literacy as a primary area of service to the community and provide access to the necessary programs, classes and other learning resources.
- Policy 21.3.3 Support digital literacy through programs and classes that focus on the community's needs for educational resources and the training necessary for the effective use of common and emerging technologies.
- Policy 21.3.4 Develop children and youth programs that focus on the necessity of exploration and creative expression to reading readiness and literacy skills.
- Policy 21.3.5 Establish and maintain relationships with local schools and other organizations that support and promote learning in the community.

Technology

- Objective 21.4 Serve all residents of Citrus County as a community center for equal and open access to computers, the Internet and other technologies that are required to access and utilize information digitally.
- Policy 21.4.1 Provide public access to computers and the internet as a core function.
- Policy 21.4.2 Continue to develop support of wireless and mobile devices for citizen access to the library's digital resources.
- Policy 21.4.3 Expand and maintain special needs equipment which provide reading and listening devices to assist visually and hearing impaired individuals.

Planning and Funding

- Objective 21.5 Continue to broaden the base of support and funding for Library Services in Citrus County by identifying, evaluating, and pursuing supplemental funding sources.

- Policy 21.5.1 Support and promote the Friends of the Library fundraising activities throughout the County.

- Policy 21.5.2 Maximize opportunities provided through State and Federal funding sources and other grants.

- Policy 21.5.3 Continue to develop-long-term fundraising options through the Library Foundation fund.