

## Titonka Public Library Three Year Plan-February 2022 to February 2025

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Titonka Public Library is to provide access to resources and services that promote education, information, and entertainment for everyone in our community.

### Goals

- 1) Co-operate with surrounding towns on children's programming.  
Many programs offer group discounts when booked in conjunction with other regional libraries. The Titonka Public library will maximize their programming budget by coordinating programming with other libraries in Kossuth County. Titonka will achieve this goal by partnering with at least 1 other library on an event each year.
- 2) Create partnerships with neighboring school districts.  
Partnering with schools will open several possibilities that, in the long term, could help improve the town's education and economics. Currently, the town has an estimated 9 college graduates and a poverty rate 3% higher than the national average. In addition to informing students on the library's general resources, a strong school partnership could also foster communication with local educators that would help guide programming. Ultimately, the library could help students who need extra academic assistance, a more detailed understanding of the college admissions process, and information regarding the benefits of practical vocational skills. In the long run, these efforts could create a better educated and more economically secure town. The library will satisfy this goal by making in-class visits to at least 1 school district each semester.
- 3) Bring together people of different age groups.  
According to the American Community Survey data from 2015-2019, the two largest age groups in Titonka consist of people in their twenties and senior citizens over eighty. Very little exists in the town that brings these two demographics together. The library will help bridge this divide by sponsoring an oral history project that records the experiences of at least 10 residents over eighty and invites younger town members to be a part of the transcription process. The library will also sponsor an art exhibition that will bring together artists and patrons of all ages and allow them to meet one another.
- 4) Help preserve local history.  
The Titonka library currently maintains a searchable database of past yearbooks and local newspaper editions. The town currently no longer has a school or a newspaper. The library will create a unit of study for high school social studies classes that will allow area teachers to utilize the library's collection of digitized primary sources in their classrooms.
- 5) Create a library trust.  
In the event of a budget surplus or the receipt of an exceptional donation, the Titonka library will create a trust or endowment that will allow excess capital to grow and be utilized in future years.

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