

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – MEASURING PROGRESS

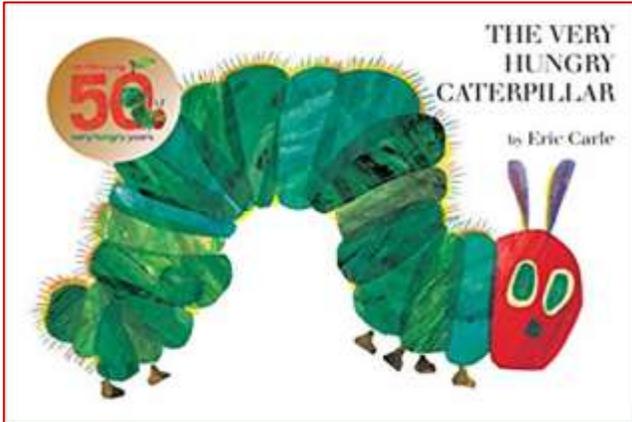
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Engage

REACHING OUR COMMUNITY

One aspect of Reaching our Community is *Improving Ease of Use*. In January 2019, we added an ADA Videophone station for hearing/speech impaired patrons. This involves a computer, webcam, and videophone unit, which allows American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting for calls between a deaf person and hearing person at different locations. This was paid for entirely by the U.S. Government's Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) fund.

OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION



- We are collaborating with the Woodridge Park District on a summer Story Walk. People follow each page of a story along a pathway, providing a fun activity at various outdoor events. Our story is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, as both the book and the Park District are celebrating their 50th anniversary. Events that featured the Story Walk include the Woodridge Jubilee, the Park District summer concert series, and our Butterfly Encounter Tent.
- We partnered with School District 68, the Village of Woodridge and the Woodridge Park District on an Intergovernmental Agreement to accommodate a new track and field area and sled hill by adding more parking spaces to the Town Center parking lot.

Enrich

INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING ACTIVITIES

One of our priorities is to *Develop Impactful Programming*. This includes focusing on family programming, as well as responding quickly to community trends and interests. Examples of this include:

- Butterfly Encounter Tent—a program that appeals to all ages, and had attendance of 1100 people.
- Instant Pot programs—this is an example of seizing on a hot current trend; we added a second session because of how quickly the first one filled up.
- Peep Science—another example of our family activity philosophy, with 300 in attendance.

WELCOMING SPACES

- Approximately 38 more parking spaces will be added to the Town Center parking area to focus on convenience and comfort as a way to encourage people to use the library.

Enlighten

ENHANCE LIBRARY COLLECTION

- As of March 2019, we became a certified Family Search Affiliate Library. This allows us to provide access to locked genealogy records that are otherwise only available at Family History Centers.
- We added STEM kits in the Children's Department. Patrons can use these fun, interactive kits in the library on a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math topics.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

We recently purchased a MakerBot Replicator+ 3D printer, with funds provided by the Friends of the Woodridge Public Library. Once staff becomes more familiar with the equipment, and we develop a policy for use, we will make this available to the public to submit 3D print requests.

