whatcom county library system

THE BLAINE LIBRARY FRAMEWORK

For 2013, we plan to focus on:

Early Learning

- Encourage "playing" by creating a fun, hands-on learning space in the children's area and supplying resources that support reading readiness.
- Effectively employ the use of branch rhythm instruments at occasional toddler and preschool programs to reinforce syllables during singing.

Advocacy

- Identify local underserved groups and develop communications that promote library resources that are relevant to their particular needs.
- Continue to increase awareness of the need for a larger facility, develop a broad support base for the library and be creative in seeking solutions.

Access

- Develop an English Language Learning (ELL) area that contains helpful library materials; audiobooks, DVDs, and computer software.
- Provide before-hours weekly online tutorial opportunities for patrons wanting to learn popular computer software programs using the library's Learning Express digital resource.
- Explore creating prototype theme-based kits with instructions and materials for craft-making projects for use by families and daycares during their library visit.

Building Community

- Provide informative library displays and programs to "Learn about your Neighbor," celebrating the diverse cultures that populate the Blaine area.
- In cooperation with school librarians and teachers, develop specifically targeted publicity that promotes homework help using digital library resources and raises awareness of library resources for teens.

CONNECTING INFORMATION, IDEAS, AND COMMUNITY

Recent Accomplishments!

Advocacy

- Blaine Food Bank volunteers share information about library programs and resources, promoting the library on an ongoing basis.
- Dream Big Play Dates at the library brought community organizations and kids together to model reading and the importance of libraries in the community.
- Friends of the Library learned about a particular library resource at every meeting, which they could then share with others.

Usership

- Conducted weekly English Conversation programs to benefit local residents wanting to improve English language skills.
- Offered basic computer classes, keyboarding instruction and email instruction to Technology Learners.

Facilities

- Created *Blaine Public Library Fast Facts* pointing to the need for a larger facility.
- A Blaine Revisioning Committee and the Blaine City Council determined that a new library/senior center complex would be the desired public project for a prospective investor group to undertake through the federal EB-5 Visa program.

The **Blaine Public Library** staff enthusiastically provides library service to area residents and visitors as part of the Whatcom County Library System.

Whether you need answers to research or informational questions, help in choosing your next book, or require online assistance, Blaine staff will make sure your library visit (in person or virtual) is a successful and positive experience. ***We go overboard for you!***

Open 56 hours per week, the library provides service to an ever increasing number of residents and visitors. The present facility, opened in 1988, offers a welcoming and playful children's area, teen space, reading section for adults, seven public internet stations and a multipurpose meeting room that seats 45.

Whatcom County Library System's
Blaine Public Library
610 3rd Street, Blaine, WA 98230
360-322-8146

Blaine Public Library Hours
Monday - Thursday 10 - 8
Friday - Saturday 10 - 6
Online at WCLS.org