

# REAL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY LONG TERM PLAN

## VISION STATEMENT

*The Real County Public Library is the primary source the community turns to for information, lifelong learning, and enrichment.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Located in Leakey, Texas, the Real County Public Library is a free public library serving the citizens of the county, the state of Texas, and many of the visitors to our canyon. The RCPL provides recreational, informational, educational materials and service to all age groups residing in the county and the state of Texas. The library provides materials both in print and non-print, as suggested by public request and as possible within funds available. The library develops broad community awareness of the library and its services. It supplements, but does not necessarily duplicate, the materials/services of other libraries in the area.*

## GOALS

Our goals reflect the concerns facing the fulfillment of the library service established in the vision and mission statements after careful analysis of the community and collection development needs to meet the highest level of service possible for our recreational library.

### In Support of the Community

Goal: In the spirit of our mission statement, we will provide free library services to the citizens of the county, the state of Texas, and the many visitors to our canyon.

Objective: Maintain our building to provide an inviting, comfortable and pleasant atmosphere in which to use the materials and internet access that would increase use by 10% by 2008.

Objective: For access to the services, the library will strive to maintain the current hours open in a six-day week.

Objective: Increase shelving to building potential by the end of 2006.

## Learning for Life Long Success

Goal: To meet the needs of our community, we will select, process, and maintain the resources that best support our library users and provide for all ages in the selection of our materials with the funding available.

Objective: To increase materials and access to resources that encourage children to read, to support their school lessons, and/or home-schooling needs that will increase collection use by 20% by the year 2008.

Objective: To continue to provide materials or the means to the resources that all may further their educational or career advancement potentials.

Objective: To provide the CD material format to the audio-based materials and increase community awareness in the large print and audio-based formats that the sight-impaired or seniors may continue their reading pleasures that will increase the use of the collection each year.

## Increasing Community Awareness

Goal: To bring awareness to our community the importance and the advantages of the established library to the community and the wide range of services available from the Real County Public Library.

Objective: Establish new ways to bring our library and the Friends of the Library in favorable light to our community.

Objective: Build the relationships between the Leakey ISD, Head Start and the home-school community with possible programs and materials in the collection to increase collection usage by 20% by 2008.

Objective: Inform the community of the importance of local support in the continuing effort to meet systems requirements that the necessary operating funds will continue to available.

## Providing Access to Information

Goal: Provide accurate and timely information services using a variety of resources.

Objective: Build on the collection of items to increase the collection with more current publication dates to increase the averages of the collection by 2007.

Objective: To maintain the internet services provided by the library to our patrons and visitors to our canyon that would increase usage yearly.

Objective: To continue the website of our library to increase usage and information provided by the year 2008.

Objective: To see funding is available, to continue access to on-line data bases, for alternative and more current reference data and information for our patrons.