

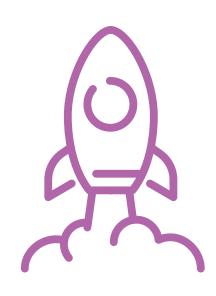




## ORL STRATEGIC PLAN

2024-2029





# A vital community space for learning, connecting, & exploring.

OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY | ///



## We foster imagination and creativity, inspire life-long learning, and build community connections.

## Collaboration and Strong Relationships

- We collaborate with community partners, and facilitate connections.
- We listen, learn, and build relationships with Indigenous communities.

# Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- We reflect the diversity of our communities, and welcome all patrons.
- We provide equitable access to, and support all forms of, literacy.

## Exceptional Customer Service

 We go above and beyond to help patrons learn, discover, create, and connect.

## Intellectual Freedom

 We champion access to information, and exposure to diverse points of view.

## Organizational Responsibility

- We are responsible with our resources, and strive to operate our libraries in a sustainable manner.
- We are honest, transparent, and accountable with our public, our staff, and our stakeholders.

### Responsiveness

- We strive to understand and reflect the diverse needs of the people we serve.
- We respond to societal changes, natural disasters, and emergencies.
- We embrace change, are innovative, and are creative problem-solvers.



Cultivate learning, literacy, creativity, and imagination.



Offer a welcoming, inclusive space to gather, and connect.



Embrace local heritage, and culture.



Develop and nurture community partnerships



Strive for organizational and service excellence.



### Cultivate learning, literacy, creativity, and imagination.

- Foster the joy of reading and life-long learning.
- Grow our collections, programs, services, and spaces to advance learning and literacy.
- Offer hands-on creativity, skills-development, and maker-space opportunities.
- □ Embrace technology and grow digital literacy.
- □ Represent diverse voices and cultures.
- Broaden the reach of the library beyond its physical branches.
- Engage those who are not regular library users.
- □ Spark imagination.



### Offer a welcoming, inclusive space to gather, and connect.

- Optimize our spaces for flexible uses - quiet activities, as well as social connections.
- Provide services and supports for disadvantaged/vulnerable community members.
- Expand our outreach to different demographic and equityseeking groups, to welcome them to our libraries.



# Embrace local heritage and culture.

- Represent and highlight Indigenous culture, histories, and knowledge.
- Showcase local talent including artists, writers, musicians, and filmmakers.
- Offer and actively celebrate local community events.



### Develop and nurture community partnerships.

- Deepen connections with community organizations, and Indigenous groups.
- Facilitate connections between our patrons, and community organizations.
- Engage and communicate with our community members.
- Collaborate with partners to offer diverse programs.
- Work with our local governments to integrate library planning with municipal planning, and budgeting processes.



# Strive for organizational and service excellence.

- Provide opportunities for staff to connect with each other, share knowledge, and build on successes.
- □ Reduce our environmental impact.
- Foster a culture of service innovation, and adaptability.
- □ Provide ongoing staff training and development.
- □ Empower staff to serve our patrons' needs.
- Ensure all branches best meet the access needs of patrons.
- Create and revise processes to optimize service efficiency, and user experience.
- Measure and evaluate performance.



#### Did you know?

As a member of the Okanagan Regional Library you have access to our whole catalogue of over 1,500,000 books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and much more. No matter the size of your community or your local ORL Library.



#### Let's talk about money.

The cost of purchasing **4 new books** over borrowing them from the Okanagan Regional Library would cover your yearly household tax contribution to the Okanagan Regional Library.



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#### **FUNDING & DONATIONS**

The Okanagan Regional Library is primarily funded through municipal tax revenue from the ORL region, plus grants from the provincial and federal governments.

Extra funding for special programs and materials is also generously provided from individual donors, organizations, Friends of the Library volunteer groups, and sponsors.

#### Support your local Library, consider:

- Giving a charitable donation
- Volunteering with your local Friends of the Library or starting a new group
- Leaving a legacy in your estate to the ORL
- Donate to one of our funds with community foundations in the North, Central and South Okanagan

For more information or questions on any of these opportunities, please email info@orl.bc.ca or contact your local ORL library.





#### DONATION FORM

We are at the heart of our communities. A library is a place for knowledge, opportunities and personal development. Now more than ever, access to lifelong learning and technology are essential to help people transform their lives. We have a vital role to play in providing that access freely and equitably. You can also donate by visiting orl.bc.ca.

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Kelowna	250.762.2800	Silver Creek	250.832.4719
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