MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA

Our Mission

To inform, connect, and enrich the surrounding North Aurora community by creating a safe and welcoming center with a diverse set of easily accessible resources.





In 1937, volunteers worked alongside Mrs. Emeline Schneider Messenger to start and keep North Aurora public library running. In recognition of her service, the library was renamed Messenger Public Library.

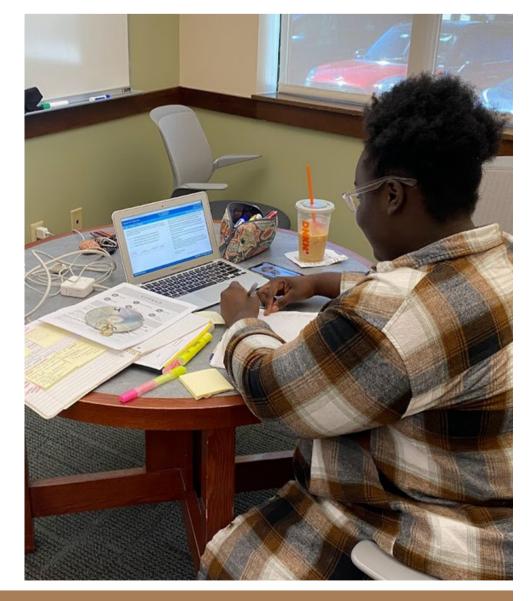


309 6,000+ participants of all ages

study rooms 1,687 times utilized

48,217 library visits 7,613 residents with a library card





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I. Facilities Enhancement for Evolving Needs

- A. Redesign service points
- B. Redesign bookdrop and materials handling
- C. Parking/traffic/exterior accessibility adaptations
- D. Land utilization exploration
- E. Deploy existing facilities maintenance plan

III. Messenger will prioritize staff stewardship and effective human resource practices

- A. Create a climate conducive to staff success
- B. Redevelop personnel policies and staff initiatives
- C. Revitalization of goal-setting processes
- D. Staff will be considered a valuable resource



IV. Develop Next Generation Resources and Services to Meet Evolving Needs

- A. Infuse technology into spaces and services
- B. Developing IT solutions
- C. Promote databases and 24/7 digital services
- D. Increase technology instruction and education



II. Messenger will serve as a community and cultural resource

- A. Develop a local history section and historical society group
- B. Create new collection sections to support community and economic growth
- C. Expand programs to meet the diverse needs of the surrounding community
- E. Update policies for the facility, collection, and programming

V. Foster positive community relations through awareness and partnerships

- A. A marketing plan will be developed to promote and advocate resources and services
- B. Revitalize partnerships and create new
- C. Educate the community about the role, value, and priorities of a public library
- D. Deploy existing and new social media opportunities to discuss the mission and resources of MPL

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