

Homer Public Library Advisory Board

2013 Strategic Plan

Mission Statement

The Homer Library Advisory Board is formed pursuant to Chapter 1.48 of the Homer Municipal Code to advise and to advocate for the needs of the Homer Public Library.

Library Advisory Board Values

The members of the Library Advisory Board (LAB) will represent the LAB and will advocate for the needs of the Homer Public Library (HPL) to the public, library staff, city government and the city council.

The LAB will develop a unified vision and message that embodies the HPL.

The LAB will collaborate with stakeholders, library staff and city staff on a comprehensive plan to establish a library that meets 21st century standards.

The LAB will encourage communication and collaboration between and among community, staff, volunteers, policy makers and the media around the needs of the HPL.

Library Advisory Board Goals

To advocate for the needs of the HPL, the staff, patrons and activities.

To recommend increased funding for books to modernize and broaden the collection.

To communicate the strengths and assets of the HPL to the public and to policy makers.

To establish operational policies in collaboration with library staff and recommend those policies to the Mayor, City Manager and City Council for action.

To advise the Library Director on the development of budget priorities as well as to recommend additional sources of funding.

To advocate for adequate staffing to address the changing needs of the HPL including supporting the Library Director's request for seasonal, temporary help and an increase in services to youth.

To strengthen ties with advocacy groups, most especially, the Friends of the HPL.

To identify safety and other facility issues and to bring them to the attention of the Library Director and the appropriate city staff.

Of immediate concern is the need to correct the lack of drainage and subsequent icing in the handicapped parking area at the HPL.

To recommend that the City's Economic & Community Development Coordinator assist the Library Director in identifying potential sources of revenue and seeking said grants.

To develop with library staff, the Friends and other interested stakeholders a comprehensive plan for the HPL that includes a vision of where the library will be in 5 years.

To develop an ongoing media campaign to disseminate and promote the Library's vision.

Attend City Council meetings.

Library Advisory Board Priorities:

Recommend that the LAB prioritize goals into immediate and long-term.