

Serving Bristol since 1892...

Our Mission

The Bristol Public Library System is committed to providing the community with a friendly and knowledgeable atmosphere where educational, informational, recreational, cultural, and professional materials and services can be found in a variety of formats. An emphasis is placed on encouraging the use of the library by persons of all ages in order to stimulate lifelong learning and an appreciation for reading, and to provide a resource center for ideas and information for the entire community.



More Info :

Bristol Public Library



860.584.7787



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5 High Street, Bristol, CT



*The first location of
The Free Public Library opened
on Main Street in 1892*



*The Charles Treadway House, home of
Bristol Library & Reading Room
1896-1906*

F. N. Manross Memorial Library



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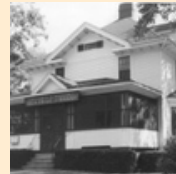
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260 Central Street, Forestville, CT



*The Forestville Library est.
1904*



*The original F.N. Manross Memorial Library
est. December 31, 1949*



Strategic Plan 2024—2027



SUSTAINABILITY

The Library will nurture and sustain lifelong learning of all ages in the community;
preserving the past while looking forward to the future



Goal 1 Community

The Library will function as a community hub serving the diverse needs of Bristol's community. The staff, Library Board, and Friends of the Bristol Public Library will work together to provide information, programs, and activities of diverse educational and cultural experiences.

Objectives

- Actively seek out new users and re-engage inactive cardholders.
- Develop a marketing plan to increase the visibility of the Library and the services it provides, ensuring that the community is aware of the impact it makes on the quality of life.
- Establish Library hours of operation that respond to community needs.
- Provide training to ensure that staff, Library Board, and Friends of the Library have the knowledge, skills, and resources to support the goals of the Bristol Public Library.



Goal 2 Facilities

The Library will provide the community with an accessible, welcoming, responsive, and safe environment with flexible and adaptable space for emerging technology, program service delivery, and the development and utilization of various materials.



Objectives

- Conduct space assessments at both locations and generate multi-purpose usage and accessibility-based plan for best use of existing indoor and outdoor spaces.
- Replace worn carpeting in high traffic areas of the Bristol Public Library.
- Investigate the addition of a natural gas-powered generator for the Bristol Public Library to ensure continuity of services during extreme weather events.
- Replace outdated perimeter heating units at the F. N. Manross Library.



Goal 3 Financial

The Library will explore all opportunities for earned revenue, investment income, private philanthropy, and grants in addition to appropriations from the City of Bristol to sustain the Library's short and long term needs on behalf of the community.

Objectives

- Re-assess the investment options of the Centennial Fund and develop roles for all library stakeholders to assist in this effort.
- Maintain a productive relationship with the Main Street Community Foundation.
- Ensure a budget that meets the needs of facility management, collection development, staffing, programs, and long-term capital expenditures.
- Provide a means for patrons to make an online donation through the Library's website.

