

**Tiverton Library Services  
34 Roosevelt Ave  
Tiverton, RI 02878**

**Long Range Planning Document**

**Draft Mission Statement**

The mission of Tiverton Library Services (TLS) is to be a valued resource for personal growth and community enrichment. Our programs, services, and collections serve the personal and professional needs and interests of individuals, groups, and organizations. As a vital part of the Town, our modern library services enhance the educational, cultural, social, and economic well-being of the community.

**Draft Vision Statement**

The Library creates and strengthens community through its role as a leading provider of cultural resources and as a forum and venue for events. We intend to expand that role and strengthen our community of lifelong learners as we believe that learning is a communal as well as an individual activity and that the library should be center for intellectual and cultural engagement.

**Purpose**

The Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) mandates that all member libraries submit a five-year plan. It is the purpose of this document to describe the content of the five-year plan in outline form, as well as the methodology to be used as TLS develops the plan over the next 9 months.

**Five-Year Plan Outline**

It is anticipated that that the five-year plan will be divided into a number of sections.

The introduction will review the accomplishments of the past 5 years, including the opening of the new library building. It will also include an overview of the town's current demographics and economy.

The main body of the plan will consist of the description of goals and objectives.

**Methodology**

1. Survey the community at large. Develop questionnaire and determine method of distribution.
2. Conduct focus groups composed of specific segments of the community (parents/caregivers of young children, senior citizens, teens, Friends of the Library, business owners, etc.)
3. Analyze data to determine community needs and interests.
4. Goals and objectives are developed by each department based on surveys and focus groups and reviewed by director.
5. Goals and objectives are presented to Trustees for discussion based on surveys and focus groups and approval.

**Tentative Schedule**

1. Survey developed: Sept. 2017
2. Survey distributed widely and focus groups held: Oct. - Dec. 2017
3. Results analyzed and department goals developed: Jan. - Mar. 2018
4. Goals presented to Trustees for discussion and approval: Apr. - May 2018
5. 5-year plan finalized and submitted to OLIS: June 2018