



Amigos Library Services

Plan 2020

Our Vision

Members will view Amigos as indispensable in strengthening their ability to serve their communities.

Our Mission

Unite libraries for action and strength in service to their communities.

Our Values and Guiding Principles

The elected leaders and staff at Amigos recognize the value that librarians bring to their communities. We respect and serve libraries, seeking to assist them in meeting their goals effectively, creatively, and affordably. We take a dynamic approach to anticipating member needs and aligning them with innovative services. We work collaboratively with members and other organizations to support libraries and enhance their ability to serve society.

Specifically, we:

- Provide cost-effective services responsive to the needs of libraries
- Promote, develop, and support programs devoted to information access, best practices, and cooperative use of member resources
- Assess programs to ensure continuous improvement and applicability
- Conduct the business of the organization in an entrepreneurial, cooperative, and open manner
- Maintain fiscal strength with adequate financial reserves, infrastructure, and human resources



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Plan 2020 Goals and Strategies

Strengthen...

members' abilities to meet the needs of their communities

- Through continuing education and technological development, assist members to stay abreast of evolving tools and services that meet the changing needs of user communities
- Facilitate partnerships among members to support new models of service and content delivery to user communities
- Partner with library schools to strengthen students' preparedness for professional roles in member libraries

Maximize...

members' resources and effectiveness

- Facilitate diverse resource-sharing programs to benefit members
- Expand programs that maximize the collective purchasing power of members
- Maintain balance between financial viability and the growth of cost-effective services and programs for members

Strengthen...

library communities by extending services to non-members

- Expand services to address the needs of additional audiences when it benefits members to do so
- Grow the Amigos membership through engagement with non-members