

# STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2030



**PrendergastLibrary**  
Focusing on Your Future.



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# WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A LIBRARY CARD?

## **Get a library card in 2025!**

Anyone is eligible for a library card. We have options for you!

## **What can you do with your card?**

- Borrow books, audiobooks, DVDs, and CDs
- Use Libby to check out eBooks and eAudiobooks.
- Explore the new Library of Things, which includes board games, science kits, toys, gardening tools, and more!
- Check out a Study Room.
- Learn a language with Mango Languages.
- Access Consumer Reports and Heritage Quest online.
- Enjoy free or discounted visits to cultural institutions around the region with Adventure Passes.
- Stream independent and educational films and documentaries via Kanopy.

If you already have a library card, we want you to use it often and spread the word! You can encourage a friend, family member, or co-worker to get one.

Visit the library, browse the daily Booksale, participate in a program or event, access microfilm and local history resources, or read the newspaper. We are here for you.



# ABOUT JAMES PRENDERGAST LIBRARY

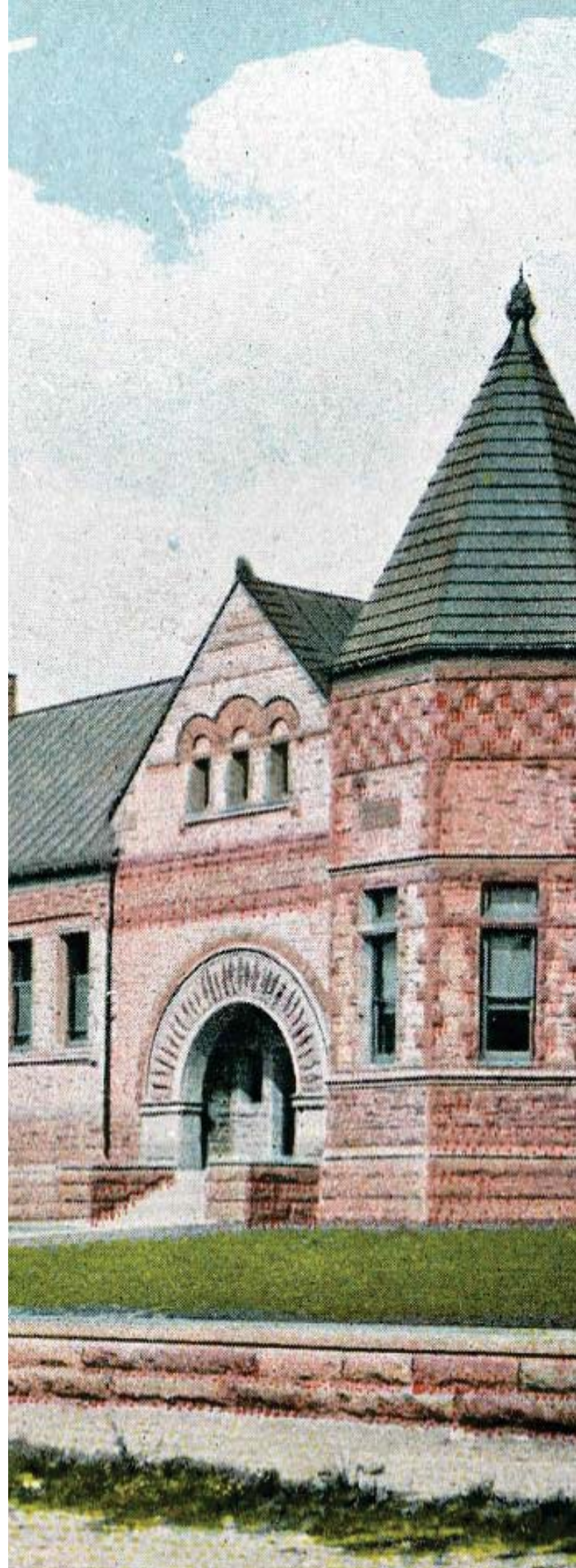
On December 1, 1891, the James Prendergast Library opened for a celebration at 7:30 p.m. The opening event featured music and speeches from community leaders, and over 150 people attended, anxious to see the inside of the beautiful new building.

Since that day, generations of community members have used the Library. So much has happened within these walls. Children started their reading journey with us, visiting the children's room in the "tower" with a collection of 125 books and card games. Now, children browse a collection of over 27,000 books and play with hundreds of different educational toys and games.

In the 1940s and 1950s, Library staff taught classes on how to use a typewriter. Now, we offer 3-D Printing, Cellphone Photography, and Virtual Reality programs. Can you imagine what the Library will provide in another 100 years?

Libraries are an anchor amid a rapidly shifting landscape. We embrace change while remaining true to our mission: to be a place where the community can learn, grow, and connect.

More than a century ago, the dream was to have a public library in Jamestown; today, our vision is to expand services and reach even more people. Thank you for continuing on this journey with us. We can do great things together.





# MISSION AND VISION



## MISSION

Responsibly empowering lifelong learning for the residents of the City of Jamestown.

## VISION

The James Prendergast Library is proud to serve the Jamestown and Chautauqua County communities in their pursuit of lifelong learning. We provide free learning resources and programming for all ages.

Libraries exist to provide a safe space for all. Everyone is welcome in our library.



# STRATEGIC FOCUSES



## ACCESS

ENSURE THAT SPACES AND RESOURCES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL LIBRARY USERS.



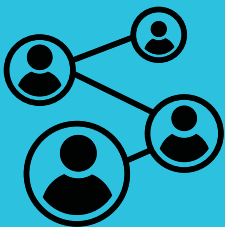
## LITERACY

SUPPORT THE VARIETY OF LITERACIES NECESSARY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING, SUCCESS, AND WELL-BEING.



## SUSTAINABILITY

PRIORITIZE PRACTICES THAT ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND, ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE, AND SOCIALLY EQUITABLE



## CONNECTING

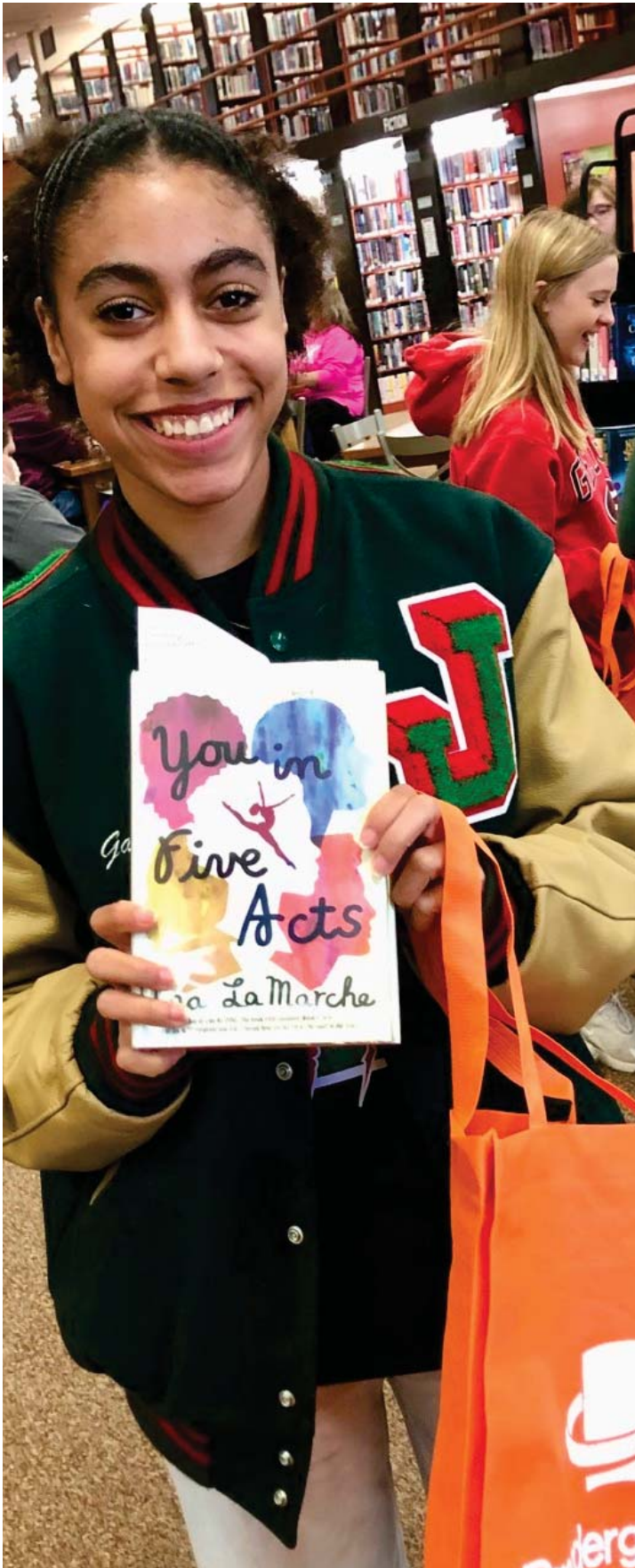
CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL CONNECTION AND BELONGING.



## SHARING

COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER AND SHARE RESOURCES.

# 1. ACCESS



## GOALS

> PEOPLE CAN FIND WHAT THEY NEED AND WANT AT THE LIBRARY

> PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LIBRARY OFFERS AND HOW TO USE ITS SERVICES AND RESOURCES.

> STAFF HAVE THE TOOLS, TRAINING, AND SUPPORT THEY NEED TO THRIVE.

> THE LIBRARY IS A WELCOMING AND SAFE SPACE FOR ALL PEOPLE.



# 2. LITERACY



## GOALS



**PEOPLE KNOW THE LIBRARY WILL SUPPORT THEIR LOVE OF LEARNING**



**WE CONTINUE TO PRIORTIZE THE DEVELOP OF A DIVERSE COLLECTION.**



**WE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MULTI-GENERATIONAL LEARNING.**



**WE HAVE DIGITAL RESOURCES AND TOOLS EVERYONE CAN ACCESS AND USE.**



# 3. SUSTAINABILITY



## GOALS

> **WE INVEST  
THOUGHTFULLY IN  
THE BUILDINGS  
AND GROUNDS.**

> **WE KNOW WHAT  
OUR CARBON  
FOOTPRINT IS AND  
WORK TO IMPROVE  
IT.**

> **WE PROVIDE  
SUSTAINABILITY  
RESOURCES AND  
PROGRAMS FOR THE  
COMMUNITY.**

> **WE USE OUR  
PHYSICAL SPACES  
EFFECTIVELY AND  
EFFICIENTLY.**

# 4. CONNECTING



## GOALS



**WE PRIORITIZE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL CONNECTIONS.**



**WE EMBRACE HEALTHY AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY USE.**



**WE SUPPORT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING LONELINESS AND SOCIAL ISOLATION.**



**WE ARE A VALUABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND A STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNER.**



# 5. SHARING



## GOALS

WE LISTEN TO AND LEARN FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

WE SUPPORT AND INVEST IN EDUCATORS.

WE COLLABORATE WITH ORGANIZATIONS ADDRESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS.

WE BUILD NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY.

# 2025 INVESTMENTS

## ACCESS

- Complete the 2025 Front Lobby & Children's Room Construction Grant
- Host Library Tours
- Update Employee Handbook & Library Code of Conduct

## LITERACY

- Reinvigorate Reader's Advisory Services
- Update Children's Nonfiction Collection
- Expand Memory Lab & Adult Makerspace Programming

## CONNECTING

- Invest in Virtual Reality Equipment for All-Ages Programming
- Participate in new Outreach Opportunities
- Expand Murray L. Bob Educational Initiative

## SUSTAINABILITY

- Complete a Carbon Footprint Assessment
- Launch Upcycle and Skill Share Program
- Update the Ten Year Sustainability Plan

## SHARING

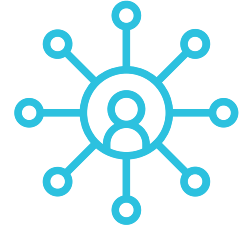
- Improve the Library Card Application Process
- Promote Makerspace Opportunities to Educators
- Join Chautauqua County Homeless Coalition



# VALUE STATEMENTS

## Social Connector

We create a stronger community by meeting people where and how they need us and connecting them with resources in the library and beyond.



## Trusted Source

We prioritize our identity as a trusted information source and embrace the diversity of our community to meet various educational and recreational interests and needs.

## Learning Together

Learning never stops at the library because we provide materials, programming, and events open to all, with options for all ages.



## Community Space

We are a safe, free, and welcoming educational and social space where people can learn, play, gather, or be.

## Engaged Staff

We provide an inclusive culture for employees by listening and learning together and prioritizing stewardship and well-being.





# VISIT & STAY IN TOUCH

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