

# **NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARY LONG RANGE PLAN July 2006 – June 2011**

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## **Mission Statement**

The Neuse Regional Library supports, strengthens, and enriches the residents and communities of Lenoir, Greene, and Jones Counties by systematically acquiring, organizing, and distributing a select collection of print and non-print materials; by providing traditional and emerging technologies; and by expanding services to meet their informational, educational, recreational, and cultural needs. It is our priority to make each person who enters the library feel valued and respected in an atmosphere of freedom and support.

## **Goals**

### **Information and Knowledge Support**

**Goal 1.** Adults will have access to a broad range of both traditional and electronic resources.

**Goal 2.** Youth will have ready access to materials and information in a variety of formats that will allow them to develop basic research skills, complete homework assignments, and meet their broader information needs.

**Goal 3.** Students who are enrolled in a formal program of education or who are pursuing their education through a program of home-schooling will find a variety of materials, programs, and services needed to attain their educational goals.

### **Youth Literacy**

**Goal 1.** All children, K-12, will have easy access to materials that stimulate a love of reading and foster basic reading skills.

**Goal 2.** Adolescents will make use of programs and services that stimulate a love of reading and enlighten youth about the importance of reading.

## **Information Literacy**

**Goal 1.** Library users will have access to print and electronic resources to meet their information needs for both school and personal interests.

**Goal 2.** School-aged children will gain skills and confidence in using the library's print and electronic resources to meet their information needs for both school and personal interests.

**Goal 3.** Adults will gain skills and confidence in using the library's print and electronic resources to meet their information needs.

**Goal 4.** Residents will have the technology needed to access electronic resources.

## **Current Topics and Titles**

**Goal 1.** Residents of all counties will be provided with a wide variety of current, popular fiction.

**Goal 2.** Residents of all counties will be provided with a wide variety of materials on current topics focusing on popular culture, social trends, and entertainment to address the needs of all community members.

## **Cultural Awareness**

**Goal 1.** Residents of all counties will have access to programming and materials that will enrich their knowledge and understanding of cultural diversity.

**Goal 2.** Patrons who do not speak English will benefit from information and services provided in their own language.

## **Commons**

**Goal 1.** Residents of Jones and Greene Counties will benefit from additional community spaces in enlarged libraries.

**Goal 2.** Residents of all counties will be kept up-to-date on renovation and construction activities in their communities.