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JMRL’s Five-Year Plan was adopted by the Library Board of Trustees in June of 2019.
Introduction

Jefferson-Madison Regional Library (JMRL) is an essential part of Central Virginia’s education system, providing educational resources for learners of all ages. By law, public library service is part of the Commonwealth’s provision for public education (Code of Virginia, 42.1-46). Public library services include public access computers, WiFi, online databases, downloadable digital materials, programming for all ages, quiet places where people can study, conversational places where young people can gather to work on school projects, and meeting rooms where adults can gather to discuss topics of public concern. The public library of the 21st Century is a center for the community.

This strategic plan ensures that JMRL will provide the citizens of Charlottesville, Albemarle, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson the resources they expect and deserve in order to continue to Grow, Learn, and Connect to the information they are seeking, to each other, and to the broader world.

The Library Board of Trustees is adopting this ambitious strategic plan for 2020-2024 to set objectives for itself, library staff, and government officials. The plan is intended to keep the library focused on its goals and to show everyone where the library is heading. Highlights of the Five-Year Plan include:

- Expansion of Nelson Memorial Library
- Updating Central Library in Charlottesville
- Planning for growth of outreach and extension services
- Providing additional service hours at Northside Library and Louisa County Library
- Bringing JMRL closer to meeting the Virginia State Library Board’s standards for “EE” (“Enhanced”) libraries

The Five-Year Plan was developed by a 12-member planning committee representing the Library Board, library staff, and Friends of the Library. The committee met regularly between April of 2018 and March 2019. Supporting documents used to develop the plan included JMRL’s Fall 2018 user feedback survey, Planning for Library Excellence: Standards for Virginia Public Libraries (2009), The State of America’s Libraries 2013: A Report of the American Library Association, Assumptions About the Future of Public Libraries (Public Library Association, 2010), and Strategic Planning for Results (Public Library Association, 2008). The committee also solicited public input throughout the process, and informed the public of progress at jmrl.org/future.

Questions and comments about the Five-Year Plan are encouraged and may be directed to David Plunkett, Library Director, 201 East Market Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902, or dplunkett@jmrl.org.

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Mission Statement

JMRL fosters personal growth and life-long learning for all by connecting people with ideas, information, and each other.

Values

WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. Our goal is to deliver exceptional service and honor our place at the center of the communities we support. We are committed to offering you qualified and well-trained staff equipped to meet your information needs. We appreciate diversity and are mindful of the culture and history of our organization, our region, and our communities.

WE PROVIDE FREE, EQUITABLE, OPEN ACCESS TO INFORMATION. We carefully curate a collection of physical and electronic materials that reflects our community. We believe public libraries play a critical role in fostering a democratic society, and we embrace our responsibility to amplify a full spectrum of voices. We advocate for intellectual freedom and make your privacy a priority.

WE INSPIRE LIFELONG LEARNING. We provide education and experiences to community members at every stage of life. We strongly promote reading and writing, and teach critical skills that help you navigate the world of information and technology. We offer free recreational and educational events for kids, teens, and adults where you can indulge your curiosity, explore your interests, and discover new passions.

WE CULTIVATE A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. We want our libraries to be comfortable, inviting, accessible spaces where you can work and play. We create opportunities for people to connect, exchange ideas, and discover community resources. Our libraries are inclusive spaces for people of all backgrounds, where everyone is welcomed and respected. We promote kindness and believe in service to the community.
Goal #1: Access & Outreach: Provide and promote access to all library services and materials to all community members through both in-house and outreach efforts.

Goal #2: Technology: JMRL will improve infrastructure and expand technology-related services in order to provide high-quality digital and technological resources that the community needs for school, work and life.

Goal #3: Staffing: Hire and retain a sufficient number of appropriately trained employees to provide superior service to all library users.

Goal #4: Collection: Strengthen JMRL’s collections in a variety of media to meet the continuously evolving educational, informational, vocational and recreational needs of the regional library’s diverse users.

Goal #5: Finance: Secure funding to earn JMRL the “EE” service rating as defined by the Library of Virginia.

Goal #6: Facilities: Provide modern, welcoming, comfortable, efficient, fully-accessible, community-oriented libraries.
Objectives & Strategies 2020 - 2024

Goal #1: Access & Outreach: Provide and promote access to all library services and materials to all community members through both in-house and outreach efforts.

Objective #1: Beginning in FY20 the Library Board will annually compare JMRL service measures to those of state and national libraries using Bibliocommons data. Metrics to be compared include circulation, programming, and funding.

Objective #2: JMRL programming staff, in conjunction with the JMRL Programming Committee, will use output and outcome data (including evaluations and surveys) to develop and sustain a range of accessible and representative programming on an annual basis.

Objective #3: Evaluate JMRL partnership in the Virginia Department of Education’s Summer Food Service Program annually. Expand participation to each locality if feasible, with regional coordination, and in partnership with No Kid Hungry.

Objective #4: In FY20, evaluate the benefits of creating institutional cards for community partner organizations, such as schools, day care centers, local non-profits, homeschool cooperatives, and other community groups.

Objective #5: In FY20, explore adding flexible non-registration programming and early literacy storytime classes at each location.

Objective #6: In FY20, conduct a comprehensive review of JMRL’s policy manual. Find redundancies in policies and simplify the manual. Determine best practices for sharing relevant policies with library users.

Objective #7: By the end of FY21, develop a public engagement strategy that will give the entire community opportunities to learn more about library services and programs, including current non-users. Explore ways to educate new area residents about JMRL services.

Objective #8: By the end of FY22, evaluate extension services region-wide to assess the need for expansion. Evaluation tools to include GIS data of active cards, census data (including languages spoken), and information on local transportation resources. Survey peer libraries to evaluate potential costs of creating an Outreach Services Department in order to bring library services to new populations in the JMRL area. Develop a plan for the creation of an Outreach Services Department, including staffing, space, and equipment needs. Define the community information access needs that this department would meet.
Evaluate the feasibility of implementing this plan, including discussing benefits of these new services with each JMRL jurisdiction.

**Objective #9:** In FY22, evaluate methods to provide workforce development support to meet community needs.

**Objective #10:** By the end of FY22, perform a comprehensive policy and procedure review with the goal of removing barriers to library service. Review should include an exploration of alternate secure ways to access library resources, and a review of procedures that might prohibit account creation for juveniles.

**Objective #11:** By the end of FY23, develop a plan to enhance the role of JMRL in early literacy development, academic achievement, and the promotion of lifelong learning. Network with local, state, and national organizations to foster literacy in the JMRL service area.

**Objective #12:** By the end of FY24, increase the number of active card users by 5% over FY20. Strategies to achieve this objective including identifying community growth areas to target for potential new card holders. Active card users are defined as individuals having used library services within a year.

**Objective #13:** By the end of FY24, develop an institutional relationship with service area schools, allowing every enrolled child to have a library card before exiting the fourth grade. Identify gaps in the services local school systems are able to provide (such as early literacy, research skills, and workforce development), and cooperate with schools to attempt to help fill them. Coordinate with schools on Summer Reading Challenges.

**Objective #14:** By the end of FY24, formalize a partnership with the University of Virginia to share library resources between the university and the surrounding community. Possible projects include a local interlibrary loan (see Goal 4, Objective 7), delivery of JMRL holds to UVA libraries, and off-site account creation.

**Objective #15:** By the end of FY24 each branch library will develop a neighborhood-specific community action plan to address the unique needs and interests of their patrons (see Goal 6, Objective 7).
Goal #2: Technology: JMRL will improve infrastructure and expand technology-related services in order to provide high-quality digital and technological resources that the community needs for school, work and life.

Objective #1: Meet all the objectives described in JMRL’s three-year Technology Plan (See Appendix A). A subsequent Technology Plan will be appended in FY22 that will encompass FY22-FY24.
Goal #3: Staffing: Hire and retain a sufficient number of appropriately trained employees to provide superior service to all library users.

Objective #1: Annually JMRL will review compression needs and apply Albemarle County’s algorithm to pay increases as funding allows.

Objective #2: Library Trustees will annually seek continuing education and networking opportunities, focusing on advocacy for increased financial support. JMRL will work with the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Library Association (VLA) to attempt to create training/networking opportunities for public library trustees across the state.

Objective #3: In FY20, craft a customer service statement and form a customer service committee to standardize the library’s approach to service. The customer service philosophy outlined in the new statement should be integrated into staff training materials and assessments.

Objective #4: In tandem with Goal 1, Objective 6, evaluate the need for a separate staff personnel manual in FY20. If need is determined, remove relevant policies from policy manual and create new personnel manual.

Objective #5: In FY21, assess current training needs and update the staff training plan, ensuring that a curriculum exists for each listed offering. Explore ways to improve communication about training opportunities, and to provide coverage to allow public service staff the time needed to attend. Training should enable staff to provide assistance with current technologies and devices.

Objective #6: By the end of FY21 assess needs at each branch for adding staffing to provide additional evening and weekend hours in response to community feedback gathered for this strategic plan. Develop a plan to provide staffing for additional open hours suggested by this assessment.

Objective #7: By the end of FY21, develop systems to encourage innovation from staff. Give staff tools to suggest process improvement, best practices, potential new services, and untapped resources. Provide an avenue to receive feedback on those suggestions.

Objective #8: By the end of FY22, develop a Diversity Plan in consultation with the City of Charlottesville and following ALA guidelines. This plan will address diversity hiring training for JMRL managers, and will include a definition of diversity for the organization, an assessment of need for the diversity plan, a vision for the diversity of the organization, and a statement of priorities, among other elements.

Objective #9: Secure funding by the end of FY22 to support library service hours to meet state “EE” standards.
  ● 60 hours per week at libraries with annual circulation exceeding 300,000 items (Northside Library)
  ● 48 hours per week at libraries with annual circulation under 150,000 items (Louisa County Library)

Objective #10: By the end of FY23, JMRL staff will perform a comprehensive review of the JMRL pay scale, with data from peer libraries in Virginia as well as other comparable local governmental departments. Regional living wage scales should be a part of this study. Develop a plan to update these findings regularly.
Objective #11: In FY23, develop and begin implementation of a staff cross-training plan.

Objective #12: Review JMRL’s employee assessment process by the end of FY23. Compare to changes in the City of Charlottesville’s assessment procedures since the last JMRL review. Adapt the process accordingly.

Objective #13: By the end of FY24, JMRL’s staffing will meet or exceed the Library of Virginia “EE” standard of .5 FTE per 1,000 people in the population.
Goal #4: Collection: Strengthen JMRL’s collections in a variety of media to meet the continuously evolving educational, informational, vocational and recreational needs of the regional library’s diverse users.

Objective #1: Explore ways to enhance and ensure stability for collection funding; continue advocacy for state-level support, encourage local support, inspire private sources for gifts.

Objective #2: Annually purchase materials in support of the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs) for all grade levels in a range of formats, and provide materials to support school summer reading lists.

Objective #3: As physical facilities grow and change, plan for concomitant changing collection needs, aligned with each branch’s community action plan (see Goal 1, Objective 15). For example, in FY20, support the expansion of Nelson Memorial Library with expanded collection support.

Objective #4: In FY20, develop and implement a sustainable plan for offering circulating digital media such as film and music through the eLibrary.

Objective #5: In FY20, update and revise the Collection Management Plan.

Objective #6: In FY21, using benchmarks from FY17 and collection data gathered biannually since, evaluate foreign language and English as a Second Language (ESL) learning materials available with respect to community needs; plan for growth where determined.

Objective #7: In FY22, assess current InterLibrary Loan (ILL) service. Explore eliminating fees for this service and combining requests for material purchase with those for material lending. Seek to formalize a lending partnership with the University of Virginia Libraries for efficient ILL delivery and return (see Goal 1, Objective 14).

Objective #8: By the end of FY23, explore and evaluate alternative pricing and licensing models in the digital marketplace. For example, costs per use versus simultaneous access licensing.
Goal #5: Finance: Secure funding to earn JMRL the “EE” service rating as defined by the Library of Virginia.

Objective #1: Annually JMRL will work with VLA, the Friends of the Library, and local jurisdictions in advocacy efforts to increase State Aid to 100% of the amount mandated by State Code. Develop strategies to help these advocacy efforts, potentially including visits to state legislators, sending advocacy mailings/newsletters out, working with VLA’s lobbyist to improve local efforts, and coordinating the efforts of other regional library systems. JMRL will work closely with the Friends of the Library to increase advocacy efforts by local members to the State of Virginia for full funding of State Aid.

Objective #2: The Library Board, led by Trustees from Greene, Louisa, and Nelson, will encourage JMRL’s jurisdictions to attain the “EE” funding standard as defined by the Library of Virginia. JMRL staff and Trustees will develop a road-map for each jurisdiction to increase support to this standard (see Goal 3, Objective 9 and Goal 3, Objective 13), highlighting the additional services that will come with the increased contribution of resources and providing a timeline to phase these increases into jurisdictional budgets.

Objective #3: JMRL’s budgeting process will annually utilize goals and objectives from jurisdictional strategic plans in prioritizing and presenting budget objectives. The Library Board and staff will also review and potentially tie-in to goals and objectives from local school districts in this process.

Objective #4: In FY21, explore alternatives to the current Out-of-Area fee that jurisdictions charge to non-residents.

Objective #5: In FY21, develop and implement a fundraising plan and annual calendar. This plan will address ongoing communication to the community online and in print. Individual objectives in that plan should include raising awareness for annual giving; the solicitation of major gifts for the Friends of the Library Endowment; support for JMRL’s materials budget; and donations for capital improvement projects on a branch by branch basis.

Objective #6: In FY22, run fiscal analysis to determine the impact of a fine-free library. Findings will be reported to the Library Board.
Goal #6: Facilities: Provide modern, welcoming, comfortable, efficient, fully-accessible, community-oriented libraries.

Objective #1: In FY20, work with Nelson County to implement an expansion of the Nelson Memorial Library. JMRL will support and sustain this expansion by working with fundraisers (see Goal 5, Objective 5), expanding and sustaining the Nelson Memorial collection (see Goal 4, Objective 3), and providing ongoing support for administrative, reference, and technical service needs in the expanded space.

Objective #2: In FY21, create a workgroup comprised of trustees, staff, Friends of the Library, community members, and Charlottesville and Albemarle staff to plan and advocate for the renovation of the Central Library.

Objective #3: Led by JMRL’s public communications specialist, inventory all signage and create a plan to standardize both internal and external signage at all locations by the end of FY22.

Objective #4: By the end of FY23, establish plans and a timeline to create a drive-through book return and pickup at the Gordon Avenue branch.

Objective #5: By the end of FY23, design and perform a parking study for each location. This study will take into account ADA requirements, local jurisdictional requirements, usage statistics, and alternative options for parking (such as cooperation with public transit authorities, bike racks, and drive through services). Study should include cost estimates for any recommendations to improve parking.

Objective #6: By the end of FY24, assist Albemarle County with the county’s exploration and planning for a Southern Urban Area library. This objective aligns with Albemarle’s Comprehensive plan Community Facilities Goal, Objective 8: Provide high quality library services for County residents, Strategy 8c: Evaluate the feasibility of constructing a new library facility to serve the southern part of the Development Areas.

Objective #7: By the end of FY24 each JMRL branch will have an individualized plan to detail the future physical needs of the facility to meet the information-seeking needs of current and future library patrons (see Goal 1, Objective 15 and Goal 4, Objective 3). Plans should also address regular maintenance needs of each location, developing a regular maintenance schedule for painting, carpeting, refurbishment, and other improvements. Plans will be developed by the branch manager, JMRL business manager, and JMRL director (with input from staff and trustees), and will be a part of each location’s community action plan. After plans are complete, a schedule will be set to implement, review, and revise.
APPENDIX A
JMRL Technology Plan (FY20-22)

FY20

Infrastructure
● Develop a formalized strategy for centralizing management of digital library resources as a “digital branch”
● Develop and implement website redesign project plan including guidelines for strategy, accessibility, mock-ups, and content management system
● Assess system-wide bandwidth needs and budget for increased baseline costs
● Implement new servers and backups for remote PC management
● Evaluate and update technology security manual; implement cyber-security training for all staff
● Implement new VOIP configuration for Gordon Avenue phone system using JMRL’s call manager and evaluate phone systems of Scottsville, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson
● Identify and evaluate emergency alert or all-staff communication solutions
● Develop a formalized system for conducting and maintaining regular technology inventory
● Explore viability of TV White Space (TVWS) equipment or similar signal-boosting internet coverage for library WiFi access in rural areas
● Develop a formalized system for gathering and interpreting data on public PC usage
● Continue annual replacement of approximately fifty PCs per year while evaluating this system’s success and exploring other possible solutions
● Formalize IT agreement with Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society and Friends of JMRL
● Evaluate wireless controller and budget for replacement if necessary
● Budget for a second full-time IT Support Specialist position

Programming Support
● Acquire virtual reality hardware and software and implement public-facing programming to demonstrate virtual reality technology
● Upgrade audio-visual capabilities for meeting rooms at Greene, Louisa, and Gordon Avenue branches
● Pilot technology-enabled on-the-spot language translation service at Central library
● Explore acquisition of additional Makerspace equipment and provide more training for related programming
● Explore and expand technology supplies for circulating home digitization and oral history kits

Public Resources
● Explore logistics of implementing linked data within current ILS
● Explore search engine optimization and an added discovery layer for catalog, programming, services offered, and other digital content
● Evaluate accessibility of all public-facing digital resources and technologies; explore new solutions for patron-facing, ADA compliant software and hardware as needed
● Explore offering circulating streaming media (Goal 4, Objective 4)
● Explore solutions for patron access to video conferencing
● Implement online library card signup for in-area patrons
● Implement expansion of WiFi hotspot lending program; develop an evaluative plan for assessing program success
● Evaluate the possibility of expanding signal range of WiFi access points at all branches; implement and/or budget for signal expansion if possible
● Implement broadcast WiFi from the Bookmobile
● Review time limits and availability of all public computers at all branches
● Explore installation of an “email express” PC station at all branches

FY21
Infrastructure
● Formally and permanently establish a digital library branch
● Investigate alternatives to public PC management software system
● Inventory and assess all laptops, tablets, and other portable devices
● Explore options for receiving credit card payments and phone-based payment systems at all branches in-person
● Streamline equipment budget request system to allow for better regional coordination and communication
● Expand training of tech liaisons at branches and explore possibility of compensation
● Investigate collaborative online work solutions including remote PC access from outside the JMRL network
● Develop new workflow solutions using application programming interface (API) within an integrated library system framework

Programming Support
● Evaluate WiFi hotspot lending program; explore new hotspot and service vendors
● Explore other library-specific solutions for hotspot lending program

Public Resources
● Determine feasibility for any technological solutions for secure public-facing phone access
● Explore community outreach capabilities using library-branded broadcasted WiFi for access to library content
● Explore incorporating application programming interfaces (APIs) from consumer and/or vendor platforms into online public access catalog (OPAC)
● Develop and offer a forum for the public to request and suggest enhancements to the library’s technology offerings
FY22

**Infrastructure**
- Evaluate potential new ILS solutions including solutions hosted in-house
- Perform comprehensive technology assessment including hardware and software
- Explore desktop virtualization of both staff and public PCs
- Develop a new solution for self-check machines
- Evaluate all goals from FY20 and FY21 in crafting the next Technology Plan

**Programming Support**
- Evaluate all audio-video equipment system-wide and identify any upgrade needs
- Continue offering technology workshops and other public programming on an as-needed basis

**Public Resources**
- Explore hosting a platform for local writers and streaming media
- Explore offering film digitization services
APPENDIX B
JMRL Technology Plan (FY22-24)

JMRL incorporates two separate three year technology plans into every five year strategic plan, in order to remain flexible for changes in technology and the needs of the Library’s patrons.

The focus for JMRL’s FY20-22 Technology Plan was on digitization, expanded audio-visual capacity, and increased communication capabilities. The most significant accomplishments from the FY20-22 plan included adding new phone systems to three library branches (Gordon Avenue, Louisa, and Scottsville), upgrading audio-visual capabilities for staff and the public at all locations, overhauling the public catalog, adding circulating streaming media, implementing online library card sign-up, and adding credit card acceptance at service desks.

Several goals from the FY20-22 plan need to be carried over into the FY22-24 plan, especially the completion of a new jmrl.org website, adding email express machines to every branch, and expanding IT security and tech liaison training for staff. A few projects were shelved for the time being, either due to capacity issues or because an internal assessment concluded that these goals were no longer necessary to streamline staff processes or to provide increased service to the public. These projects include the need for library-branded wifi outside library buildings and new self-checkout systems at JMRL branches.

For the FY22-24 plan, JMRL’s technological focus will be on access, modernizing tools for library staff, and exploring avenues to save resources on IT hardware spending. Highlights of this plan include the projected completion of JMRL’s website redesign, a desktop virtualization project, and expanded technology training for library staff.

This technology plan seeks to improve access for the public to JMRL offerings in a variety of ways, such as further integrating catalog searching into a new public website, exploring solutions for contactless pickup of materials post-pandemic, adding archival tools to allow for digital access to local historical information, and improving technological capacity for virtual programming and meetings. JMRL’s FY22-24 technology plan will modernize tools for library staff, including adding a virtual leave tracking system, evaluating the tools used to print and make reservations for public computers, and expanding tech training. In order to efficiently spend public resources, JMRL will explore a desktop virtualization system that will allow for more efficient hardware replacement over time, as virtual tools will be used for maximum hardware flexibility.
FY22

Infrastructure
1. Explore a desktop virtualization solution for all staff PCs including budgeting and evaluating hardware purchases
2. Formally and permanently establish a digital library branch
3. Plan a full replacement of current phone system at Central, Northside, Gordon Avenue, Bookmobile, & Crozet branches
4. Develop a formal process for acquiring and deploying staff laptops
5. Perform a cost and needs analysis for acquiring a cell phone for each branch
6. Gather information needed for JMRL to potentially pay for employee cell phone plans proportionate to work use
7. Implement digital employee hours and leave tracking system
8. Explore a digital platform for training staff on FOIA requirements for government employees
9. Initiate, along with managers and administrators, the incorporation of technology skills into job competencies
10. Explore the incorporation of technology skills into cross-training plans
11. Explore a replacement for current print-and-mail notifications system
12. Explore an improved managed credentialing system such as Active Directory or an LDAP system
13. Explore a new backup/archival system
14. Evaluate tech liaison system
15. Evaluate and update technology security manual; implement cyber-security training for all staff

Programming Support
1. Conduct a training needs assessment
2. Work with the training committee to offer new technology training
3. Continue offering technology workshops to staff on a rotating and as-needed basis
4. Acquire and support archival software for use by the Historical Librarian
5. Explore creation or interest in web-based resource center with mini-tutorials for common technology questions from a staff perspective
6. Evaluate all teleconferencing and remote desktop control systems

Public Resources
1. Complete website redesign and proactively collect feedback, followed by website launch
2. Explore desktop virtualization for all public PCs
3. Explore new remote printing software
4. Explore and begin implementation of technology solutions to allow for hybrid physical-digital meetings and programming
5. Explore installation of an “email express” PC station at all branches
6. Continue offering technology workshops and other public programming on an as-needed basis
7. Explore hosting a platform for local writers and media creators
8. Evaluate hotspot lending program and explore other service providers for individual branch lending programs
9. Evaluate all audio-video equipment system-wide and identify any upgrade needs
10. Explore creation or interest in public web-based resource center with mini-tutorials for common technology questions
11. Assess curbside service technology needs
12. Explore installing PA systems in branches

FY23

Infrastructure
1. Explore a new phone system at all JMRL branches that allows for better inter-branch communication
2. Implement branch cell phones
3. Investigate alternatives to public PC management software system
4. Streamline equipment budget request system to allow for better regional coordination and communication
5. Implement findings from FY22 tech liaison system evaluation
6. Explore and assess email, storage, and productivity software alternatives to G-Suite
7. Explore and assess the production of a JMRL app (both Android/iOS)
8. Explore replacements for library programming scheduling platform
9. Create digital alternatives to all paper-based JMRL forms
10. Evaluate and update technology security manual; implement cyber-security training for all staff

Programming Support
1. Explore and encourage broad application of API tools
2. Assess all technology-related committees and subcommittees
3. Explore augmented reality technologies
4. Work with programming staff to assess augmented and virtual reality programming needs
5. Explore the feasibility of offering public library programming using Unity as a tool

Public Resources
1. Explore new notification system that includes email, text, and phone
2. Assess alternatives to the current JMRL wiki
3. Develop a formalized system for gathering and interpreting data on public PC usage; evaluate current time limits and login systems and implement changes as needed
4. Explore technologies that would be required to implement a JMRL Open Library location
FY24

Infrastructure
1. Evaluate all goals from FY22 and FY23 in crafting the next Technology Plan
2. Explore needs for an additional Digital Branch FT position
3. Explore needs for an additional Collections FT position focusing on API integration and digital librarianship
4. Perform comprehensive technology assessment including hardware and software
5. Evaluate surveillance cameras in each branch and make recommendations for changes

Programming Support
1. Continue offering technology workshops and other public programming on an as-needed basis
2. Implement system-wide Unity subscription and related library programming

Public Resources
1. Evaluate all audio-video equipment system-wide and identify any upgrade needs
2. Explore the idea of publicly-accessible lockers for contactless hold retrieval and checkout
3. Evaluate the technological needs for establishing library branch stations that provide holds pickups and dedicated WiFi
4. Explore offering film digitization services
5. Explore the efficacy of library book vending machines at strategic community locations and/or at branches for after-hours lending service
Appendix C
2020 – 2024 Planning Checklist
(not including objectives in Appendix A or B)

Ongoing Initiatives
- Annually review JMRL service measures (Goal 1, Objective 1)
- Use outcome and output measures to develop and sustain programming (Goal 1, Objective 2)
- Evaluate JMRL participation in Virginia Department of Education’s Summer Food Service Program annually (Goal 1, Objective 3)
- Review and apply compression algorithm annually (Goal 3, Objective 1)
- Library Trustees to seek training and networking opportunities outside board meetings (Goal 3, Objective 2)
- Advocate for increased State funding to support the Library collection (Goal 4, Objective 1)
- Purchase materials in support of the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs) for all grade levels (Goal 4, Objective 2)
- Plan for changing collection needs in new or renovated facilities (Goal 4, Objective 3)
- Annually lobby to increase State Aid to Public Libraries (Goal 5, Objective 1)
- Annually aim for jurisdictions to fund at “EE” state standards for libraries (Goal 5, Objective 2)
- Utilize jurisdictional and school strategic plan goals in budgeting (Goal 5, Objective 3)

FY20
- Evaluate creating institutional cards (Goal 1, Objective 4)
- Explore adding non-registration and early literacy storytime classes regionally (Goal 1, Objective 5)
- Conduct a comprehensive review of JMRL’s policy manual (Goal 1, Objective 6)
- Form customer service committee (Goal 3, Objective 3)
- Evaluate need for staff personnel manual, create manual if necessary (Goal 3, Objective 4)
- Develop and implement a plan to offer streaming media to patrons (Goal 4, Objective 4)
- Update and revise JMRL’s Collection Management Plan (Goal 4, Objective 5)
- Work with Nelson County on expansion of Nelson Memorial Library (Goal 6, Objective 1)

FY21
- Develop a public relations strategy (Goal 1, Objective 7)
- Update JMRL’s staff training plan (Goal 3, Objective 5)
- Develop staffing plan for evening/weekend hours as needed (Goal 3, Objective 6)
- Begin use of new systems to encourage innovation from staff (Goal 3, Objective 7)
- Evaluate ESL learning materials collection (Goal 4, Objective 6)
- Explore alternatives to out-of-area fee (Goal 5, Objective 4)
- Develop and implement a fundraising plan and annual calendar (Goal 5, Objective 5)
- Create a workgroup for Central Library renovation (Goal 6, Objective 2)
FY22
- Evaluate extension services regionwide (Goal 1, Objective 8)
- Evaluate methods to provide workforce development support regionally (Goal 1, Objective 9)
- Review barriers to access with view to removal (Goal 1, Objective 10)
- Develop a Diversity Plan (Goal 3, Objective 8)
- Additional service hours at the Louisa and Northside branches (Goal 3, Objective 9)
- Assess Interlibrary Loan services (Goal 4, Objective 7)
- Run fiscal analysis on a fine-free JMRL scenario (Goal 5, Objective 6)
- Create signage plan (Goal 6, Objective 3)

FY23
- Plan to enhance the role of libraries in early literacy development, academic achievement, and the promotion of lifelong learning (Goal 1, Objective 11)
- Complete pay scale review (Goal 3, Objective 10)
- Implement cross-training plan (Goal 3, Objective 11)
- Review JMRL’s employee assessment process (Goal 3, Objective 12)
- Establish plans and a timeline for a drive-through book return and pick up at Gordon Avenue Library (Goal 6, Objective 4)
- Parking study for each location (Goal 6, Objective 5)
- Explore and evaluate alternative pricing for digital content (Goal 5, Objective 8)

FY24
- Expand active card holders by targeting growth areas (Goal 1, Objective 12)
- Develop an institutional relationship with area schools (Goal 1, Objective 13)
- Explore a shared resources partnership with UVA (Goal 1, Objective 14)
- Develop branch community action plans (Goal 1, Objective 15)
- Increase staffing to meet or exceed the Library of Virginia “EE” standard of .5 FTE per 1,000 people in the population (Goal 3, Objective 13)
- Assist Albemarle County with the county’s exploration and planning for a Southern Urban Area library (Goal 6, Objective 6)
- Develop branch facilities plans (Goal 6, Objective 7)
## Appendix C

### JMRL Peer Libraries, 2020-2024

Virginia Peer Libraries (those serving populations between 150,000 and 350,000):

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<td>Arlington Department of Libraries</td>
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National Peer Libraries (those with populations and staffing 15% above or below JMRL’s with a minimum of 7 branches):

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