

## 5.6 Library Services

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Assessment Process	
A.	Board members and staff seek suggestions from the public about the collection and services.
B.	Library users request specific materials and services.
C.	The staff tracks reference questions to identify areas of the collection that need improvement.
D.	The director reviews current Library literature, forthcoming books, and attends conferences to keep abreast of new materials, issues, and emerging technologies.
E.	The board holds formal goal setting and planning sessions.
F.	The goals of the Library are aligned with the mission statement and are set forth by the Board of Directors and the Library Director. From the goals, annual objectives are established according to identified and anticipated needs. The Board and the Library Director are responsible for meeting the goals and objectives.
G.	The Board of Directors and the Library Director determine the plan of service and Library policy, and supply the means to carry it out. The Library has both short-term and long-term goals.

Program Standards	
A.	<b>Organization:</b> The Barton County Library is a tax-supported county Library system that is governed under the provisions of Missouri Statutes 182. As such, it has a Board of Directors consisting of five members. The Library Board of Directors is the legislative, or policy-determining body for the Library. Its primary concern is with formulating the program of service and supplying the means with which to carry it out. The board is governed by a written set of bylaws. Monthly meetings are held.
B.	<b>Mission Statement:</b> It is the mission of the Library to be an information center for Barton County. The Library will provide state-of-the-art equipment and access to a comprehensive array of information for Barton County residents.
C.	<b>Policy:</b> The Library is available to all citizens of Barton County. It is also available to the public school system, and to college and university students in the region. The Library has a policy that includes the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to View Statement, and the Freedom to Read Statement.
D.	<b>Collections/Materials:</b> The Library has revised its collection development and weeding policies. The Library seeks to provide materials and services to further the library program by providing information, reference guidance, and help to those engaged in educational pursuits as well as to those who enjoy reading as a recreational pursuit.
E.	<b>Budget:</b> The Library receives 15 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation from the county. The Library also receives state aid from the Missouri State Library. At this time the Library has been able to increase the per capita amount for collection development to \$3.09.
F.	<b>Personnel:</b> The Library Director has a Bachelors Degree with over 80 hours of continuing education. The Library Director is in the process of completing a Masters Degree in Library Science.
G.	<b>Hours :</b> The Library in Lamar is open for a total of 47.5 hours per week. These hours include 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each Monday through Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday.
H.	<b>Accessibility:</b> The Lamar Library is fully accessible and complies with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Program Evaluation	
Annually, the Board reviews short and long term goals. They evaluate the process of accomplishing each goal. Based upon this review, modifications to existing policies, procedures, and goals may be made.	