



Long Range Plan 2019-2024

Approved by the Elkader Public Library Board of Trustees
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The Library Board of Trustees will review and update the
long range plan every year to evaluate progress.

Mission

The Elkader Public Library provides the residents of the community and the surrounding area equal access to resources and services for information, continuing education, and recreation.

Background and Data

The Elkader Public Library Board of Trustees reviewed the 2010 Census data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Demographic Characteristics from the State Data Center of Iowa for both the city of Elkader and Clayton County. The Trustees also met with community members from the Elkader Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library.

The Long Range Plan reflects the needs of the community regarding the following statistics:

- The largest percentage of the city's population is between ages 50-64 which includes both working and retired persons.
- Approximately 5% of the city population is under 5 years of age, and 5% is between 5-9 years.
- 6.3% of the city's population has a 9-12 education, but no diploma, and 4% of the county population has less than a 9th grade education.
- Unemployment rates in the city have risen from 2011 to 2016.
- Poverty rates are highest where a female is head of the household, with no husband present.