Technology Plan

In alignment with its mission to deliver high quality public education to all ages, Lied Scottsbluff Public Library will invest time and resources in maintaining and upgrading technology equipment to better serve library patrons. The Library strives to provide equal and equitable opportunities for patrons to use technology for communication, literacy, education, and artistic and cultural enlightenment.

As of May 2018, the Library has twenty-nine computers available for public use, twenty-five of which are available for internet access and other basic functions, such as document composition. Sixteen internet capable computers are reserved for patrons ages sixteen years and over, four are reserved for minors ages twelve through fifteen years, and four are reserved for children ages eleven years and younger. One AWE station is available to children, and one station is ADA compliant, complete with Purple Video Relay Service access for hard-of-hearing patrons. Three computer stations are limited to card catalog access. In addition to the twenty-nine desk top stations, the Library possesses 25 laptops which are made available for library programming or in-house use upon request. Free wifi is available in and around the facility. Users may print from library desktops and laptops or from their own mobile devices. A projector with hdmi connectivity and a smart tv are available for staff and patron use. Additionally a public copier, scanner, and fax machine are available to all library users, and a microfilm reader is available to access archived copies of the Star-Herald newspaper.

Allo Communications provides telephone and internet service to all City departments, including the Library, and the City of Scottsbluff contracts Intralinks, Inc. for all installation and maintenance of technology equipment.

Over the next year, the Library will install a temporary makerspace through the Nebraska Library Commission's Library Innovation Studios project. For twenty weeks, the Library will host maker equipment and provide access to technological and innovative learning tools not readily available in local communities. Following the completion of the project, the Library will partner with local organizations and entities to invest in the permanent or semi-permanent installation of the equipment best suited to the Scottsbluff community.

The Library will continue to research and examine technological trends to remain relevant and provide users with the access to technological developments at no charge. The Library will support the popularity and ease of access of ebooks, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines through contracts with Overdrive Libraries and RBDigital, and will regularly train users to access these resources. Library staff and community partners will teach monthly tech classes featuring a variety of topics to keep our community informed, competent, and empower users of technology, and children's, teen, and adult staff will regularly integrate technology tools and training into programming to provide thorough and relevant educational experiences to all library users.

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