

Scott County Public Library  
Sadieville Public Meeting  
March 20, 2017

The public meeting was conducted as part of the Sadieville City Council meeting, led by Mayor Claude Christensen. The mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced staff from the Kentucky League of Cities, Tad Long and Bobbie Bryant, who facilitated the discussion about the Scott County Public Library.

Library Director Barbara O'Hara gave a brief overview of what the strategic planning process is all about and that our purpose is to find out what the citizens of Sadieville, as part of Scott County, would like to see for the future of the library.

### **Cover Values**

- Enjoy going to book store, get coffee and a paper and a book to read.
- Using the computer resources that the library offers – access.
- Teachers with smaller kids to read to children.
- Not only kids in Sadieville, but other kids on this end of the county has access.
- It isn't just Saideville, northern 1/3 of the county have a long distance to travel. Have to think about the 14 routes the post office services. Serve a lot of county people.
- Summer time offers things for kids to do. In the past used the book mobile, but with work schedules, the kiosk may be a better way to serve.
- Used to have breakout rooms in High School to do projects. There are also a lot of home schooled families.
- College education is almost a must in today's world and a library is the first introduction to reading, research, internet access – we're investing in the future of our children.
- Library is the gateway to a much bigger world.
- The outreach is great as a connection with the community.
- Older adults benefit as they can keep up with technology, learning, an outlet.

### **SWOT Analysis**

#### **Strengths:**

- Gateway to the world
- To build the community, you need things infused that are needed. Things like a library and community center are anchor points for the city to grab onto and become a community – to be together.
- It spans all age groups.
- Demographics- we're a little older and a little poorer than other areas of county, but the 7<sup>th</sup> fastest growing in this region.
- Library offers something free to go and enjoy.
- Engage in something that will benefit them.
- A gathering place.

- Serves as a potential to draw in other businesses.
- Even with electronic reading, it's still the "place" to get things
- Provides a place for people to be exposed to other arts and activities.
- Bookmobile is always eager to come for special events.
- Diversification of outreach, in house, external kiosks

### **Weakness**

- Don't see children using the kiosk, mostly parents.
- Lack of a library in Sadieville - tired of being overlooked
- Limits to what can be brought to video express – not true now, anything can be delivered
- Lot of schools around here only offers library access during school hours with a part time librarian

### **Opportunities**

- Set up a "library station" – Barbara gave an example of one that offers 1 staff person, a few activities, in a donated space without expenses.
- Another example is an 18-wheeler truck pulled into town with books and everything a library would carry. Stayed two days, moved around town during the week. Every month it would come back.
- Westport KY example of a school library is open to the public after school hours and evening.
- Get the source closer to us – will be a draw that will help the community grow.
- Polar Express was so successful, shows interest for possible expansion of services.
- Toyota expansion will bring in another 1000 people to the county.
- City has some lots available which might be buildable.
- With the bike trail coming, it will really grow and expand the community.

### **Threats**

- Power outage
- Economics - another recession or something worse will cut people off from the main library.
- The taxing authority a library has.

### **In Your Opinion – what is the most important thing the Library should focus on?**

- Expansion: put a couple of branches out somewhere in the county for convenient access.

### **Q and A**

- Q: At Georgetown College they offer a bar code to students, does the library have this?  
A. Yes, the public library offers this service as well.

## **Next Steps**

For people who didn't come tonight, there are two more public meetings, March 30 at the Georgetown Public Library and April 4<sup>th</sup> in Stamping Ground. Ask everyone to help get the word out to others who might want to attend and share their ideas and thoughts about the future of the public library.

## **Adjourn**