

### **Intergovernmental Collaboration**

**Goal 2:** Partner with local, state, and federal agencies to enhance the culture and resources of Oelwein.

**Strategy 1a:** Support the Oelwein Community School District in their growth and community engagement activities.

**Action Item 1a1:** Engage with the Oelwein Community School District regarding development plans and community activities.

### **Library Aid in Implementation**

*School Partnership – The School Early Literacy Team met with library staff to address the concern about low reading scores, especially with children from families of low socio-economic status.*

- *Library participates in Back Pack Night and gives families the opportunity to sign up for library cards.*
- *Library Board changed the registration policy. A student card does not need to be signed by a parent.*
- *Library staff are encouraging class visits throughout the year utilizing an online calendar for signups.*
- *School Staff and Library Staff are working with the schools on the possibility of having an afterschool bus stop at the library.*
- *Husky Adventures comes to the library on Wednesday's at 2:00.*
- *Read Aloud family night is the first Monday of the month from 5:30-6:30.*
- *Theme Thursday every Thursday at 4:00 offering youth programs using LEGOS, STEM projects, Bee Bots, and arts and crafts.*
- *Children's librarian reads to students at Head Start.*
- *Work with Senior Seminar students who wants to develop some programs that are attractive to students. This year's project: a Chess Club tournament. The sponsoring teacher and the children's librarian are scheduling additional Chess Tournaments.*
- *The Middle School Art Teacher will have students prepare artwork for the library art show.*
- *Library has the 1000 Books before Kindergarten incentive program.*
- *Friends of the Library and the Oelwein Library Foundation sponsor the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program where age appropriate books are mailed each month to a registered child's home ages birth to 5 years old.*

**Action Item 1a2:** Promote community activities on the City website and various public spaces.

### **Library Aid in Implementation**

*Library Promotional Tools – Website, Facebook, Newsletter (paper and digital), Oelwein Daily Register available in Reading Room, Bulletin Boards, Digital Message Board, Posters and Flyers, Bookmarks*

## **Community Vision & Character**

**Goal 2:** Encourage participation in community-based opportunities.

**Strategy 1a:** Foster a strong sense of community culture.

**Action Item 1a1:** Promote festivals, community events, and recreational opportunities.

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**Action Item 1a2:** Support cultural and arts initiatives that celebrate Oelwein's heritage and resilience.

### **Library Aid in Implementation**

#### ***Cultural and Arts Initiatives –***

- *Installed the Musical Instrument Garden*
- *Host an Annual Community Art Show*
- *Initiate Oelwein Reads Book Club at Ampersand*
- *Host a wide variety of educational programs, author visits, and traveling exhibitions*
- *Promote library services and events to Oelwein Service Organizations*
- *Participate in Oelwein Celebrations: Party in the Park, Olde Tyme Christmas, Summer Celebrations*
- *Library Staff are members in a number of community clubs and organizations: Rotary, MacDowell Club, RSVP Advisory Council, United Way Board, Oelwein Historical Museum Board*

#### ***Celebrate Oelwein's Heritage and Resilience –***

- *Oakdale Cemetery Walk – Sharing the stories of Oelwein's pioneer families*
- *Curate a Local History and Genealogy collection*
- *Offer classes on genealogical research using Ancestry and Family Search*
- *Digitize Oelwein Daily Register from 1887*
- *Assisted with the Sesquicentennial by updating Oelwein's History Book from 1973-2023 and coordinating and overseeing the Time Capsule located in the library lot.*