**Middlesex Public Library Mission Statement:**

 **The mission of the Middlesex Public Library is to provide the space and materials to meet the evolving informational, recreational/social, and educational needs of area residents, thereby enhancing individual *and* community life.**

 **Funding for the Library is obtained through a public vote on local and state tax proposals, grants, donations and memorials made by the public.**

 **A five-member Board of Trustees oversees the operation, planning, and policies of the Library. The Library is staffed by a Director, and Assistant (to be hired).**

**Goals /Strategic Plans (on going and future)/ Intended for the Middlesex Public Library:2025**

1. **Provide a Story Hour with snack once per month for children/no age restrictions**
2. **Provide adult programs such as; arts/crafts, informational, educational, entertainment, etc. at least once every three months**
3. **Provide a safe warm place for those seeking such at any time during open hours.**
4. **Provide a crafting session with children at least once every three months; these may be thematic as based on a book or independent of a specific book**
5. **Host a movie night with snacks once every two months**
6. **Continue to host/facilitate 4-H educators for the benefit of the community**
7. **Continue to host/facilitate health care navigators to help those seeking assistance with attaining/maintaining health care insurance**
8. **Ensure the time allotment (this may require closing the library) also reimbursement(mileage) for the continuing education/development of the director as well as the assistant (especially through ongoing programs offered by STLS)**
9. **The Director will present/post (preferably three months in advance) all activities through a written document/spread sheet containing a description of the activities to come.**
10. **The Director as well as any staff (or interested citizen) associated with the library will continue to seek out new, evolving needs/wants of the community so as to best serve any/all area residents.**  **Examples of ways to better serve Our Community: bring in more volunteers ranging in ages from juvenile to seniors, add audio books and/or DVDs to our collection, upgrade technology such as; computers, laptops, hot spots, gaming systems, movie projectors, etc., Improve electrical outlet accessibility, Improve the overall aesthetic appearance of the library, improve handicap accessibility, Improve upon the overall layout of the library with an expanded open floor plan, provide improved seating for computer usage with more privacy and a more separate area, maintain park passes for patrons, provide non- traditional services such as; notary services, create a section of non- book items that can be borrowed such as; sports equipment, games, cookware, outdoor equipment, etc., include outreach for homeschooling residents, utilize newspapers or other media outlets to improve marketing for the sake of increasing patron flow, include local businesses such as waterparks, ski resorts, sledding venues, stores, restaurants, etc. to support/render perks as prizes for library programming, etc. This is just to name a few ideas. The goal here is to continue to expound upon these such ideas.**

**To best serve the community:**

**A survey will be sent out through US postal mail, community members are welcome to participate in any/all Library Board meetings to make their requests known, residents can make the director aware of ideas/thoughts *in person*, or through email, phone, or Facebook messenger.**