

**Powers Library**  
Moravia, NY

**Technology Plan for 2024-2026**  
(Approved 2/20/24)

**Mission:** Powers Library will provide free access to sources of information, education, and entertainment to its extended community.

**Technology Goal:** Powers Library appreciates the importance of technology in the pursuit of accurate, relevant, and timely information. Through technological services provided by the library, our community has access to worldwide opportunities in lifelong learning, professional development, and entertainment. The library will provide its members and staff with access to up-to-date computers, software, peripherals, and connectivity.

**Strategies:** *(from Strategic Plan)*

- Improve bandwidth, upgrade computers and networking equipment, and purchase software as necessary to support community learning
- Maintain and enhance the library website to keep the community informed of library resources, programs, and community events
- Question stakeholders to determine what technology and training opportunities the library should provide

**Current State of Technology**

The library does not currently have an itemized list of technology equipment. The Library Director will develop a current inventory of technological equipment, programs and services for patrons and staff. (Due: 4/30.24)

**Anticipated Needs**

The following technology purchases are anticipated over the next few years:

- Routine replacements and desired growth projects to include:

- 2 new copiers (1 staff use; 1 patron use)
- Fax machine
- Using Technology to bring in younger people.
  - Agreed to explore gaming devises and software to include:
    - (2) Nintendo switches
    - (2) wall TV's
    - LED lighting
    - Arcade studio lights
    - Play Station X-Box
    - Rocket League program

Purchased the ALA-endorsed book: *52 Ready to Use Gaming Programs for Libraries* by Ellyssa Krowski. This book will provide library staff with ideas and techniques for building gaming into library programs.

- Website Needs
  - Technology Committee members identified the following as priority needs to begin working on:
    - Enhancing security/firewall capabilities
    - Adding an Instagram Account in addition to Facebook to target patrons under 30 years of age.
    - Changing the Facebook account to Facebook @ Powers Library. It is currently under the Director's name.

- Equipment Agreement

An Equipment Agreement will be forwarded to the Board for review/approval for future loaning of any type of library equipment.

- A Technology Plan will be drafted and edited by Committee members prior to being sent to the Board for review/approval.

## **Technology Budget**

### **2024 Budget for Technology**

Computer/peripherals	1,000
Software (Polaris)	7,000
Telecommunications (phone, internet, Polaris)	2,500

## **Professional Development Strategy**

The Powers Library will work to ensure that staff know how to use library technology.

These activities include but are not limited to the following:

- Google Drive
- training provided by Library staff
- training offered by ALA
- continuing education offered by the Finger Lakes Library System

## **Evaluation**

This plan will be reviewed at least annually by the library. The Director will work with staff and the library's Board of Trustees to:

- Monitor progress towards library service goal benchmarks
- Make mid-course corrections in response to new developments, opportunities and needs that arise after the plan was initially established
- Delete goals no longer relevant to the plan and add new goals
- Identify and evaluate the impact of technology & technology services