

MINISTERIAL GROUP

ASPIRATIONS

- Safe environment
- Encourage to try something new, ask questions, failure is OK, try new skills
- Welcoming and sanctuary city (Red doors)
- A collaborative community - work together
- Connectedness
- Communication of what is out there/available
- Be an open community
- 25-35 year olds feel more of all above

CHALLENGES

- Communication
- Be relevant
- Embarrassment of riches
 - Money - time for each opportunity
 - If time is given to one, another suffers
 - A lot of opportunities - combination of relevant and riches
- Thinking outside the box - "retradition"
 - On time schedules
 - Programs in new ways
- Hard to leave/change what is
- Collaboration
- Get out of buildings
- Amazon vs. go shop
 - Go where people are at
 - Offer opportunities while some other opportunity goes on
- Feed them/they will come
- Simplify
- Open to new ideas
 - Be less parochial
 - Want to be part of decisions, ideas
 - Same but different "change paint but not structural"
- Be willing to let go and not take it back
- Passionate people
 - But passion is often squashed
- Permission givers - examine how much bureaucracy is involved
- Generations
 - Experience
 - Knowledge
 - Seniors have flexibility of experience/knowledge/willingness to change

- Combine nursing homes/youth
- How many activities are age/generation based?
 - Times
 - Welcoming
 - Schedules
 - Relevance
 - Integration

HOW TO REACH

- Equal voices - all ages
- More partnerships
- Collaborative partnerships
- Establish relationships
 - Face-to-face
 - Know each better
- An actual person involved
- Waupaca Days (Good Neighbor Fest)
 - Every part talks about their part
 - Educate each other on what each does
- National Night Out
- Front Porch Night
- Turquoise Table Movement "Nifty turquoise"
- Red Doors

LIBRARY NEVER GET RID OF

- Good leadership
- Desire to be involved
- Creativity
- Be relevant
- Place to explore

WISH LIBRARY WOULD

- Center of community
- Open to all
- List all activities
- Open 24/7 - after 8pm wifi, cable, DVDs
- "No purpling"

WHAT CAN LIBRARY BE?

- Hub/Center of communication
- Sense of trust to lead to new era of connectedness
- Innovative
- Relevant
- Connection to resources to community
- Take library to bars
- Mobile