

**LEARNING ADVANTAGE PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN
CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
AND
CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

VISION STATEMENT

Carroll County Public Schools and Carroll County Public Library work side by side as partners to help all students succeed. We encourage all students to develop literacy and a love of reading. By combining our strengths and resources we help students and their families become lifelong learners and active members of their community.

MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

To make this vision a reality our organizations commit to strengthening our network to make it seamless, so that:

- 1. The library is more visible in the schools and the schools are more visible in the library.**
 - 1.1 By September 1, 2005 a staff liaison for the partnership will be identified at every school and library branch.
 - 1.2 All teachers will receive 'Teachers Advantage' library cards by September 30, 2005, and at least 70% will use their card during the school year to take advantage of public library resources and services.
 - 1.3 All students will have the opportunity to register for Carroll County Public Library cards, with targeted opportunities provided to kindergarten, sixth-grade, ninth-grade, and transfer students.
 - 1.4 All students will be encouraged to register for the Carroll County Public Library Summer Reading Program, and all program participants will be recognized by their schools.
 - 1.5 Establish a baseline for the use of each organization's programs, services, and facilities by the other organization's faculty and staff, with a goal of increasing use by 20%.

 - 2. All students are positioned for academic achievement.**
 - 2.1 All sixth- and ninth-graders will learn about Carroll County Public Library online resources and 50% of targeted students will use one or more of these resources to complete their assignments.
 - 2.2 Carroll County Public Library and Carroll County Public Schools will identify and work with other community partners so that 10% more nontraditional library users will have access to services designed to meet their needs.
 - 2.3 Carroll County Public Library and Carroll County Public Schools will identify and work with the early childhood community so that 25% more parents and
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child care providers will receive training and services to help their children enter school ready to learn.

- 2.4 Carroll County Public Library and Carroll County Public Schools will collaborate to encourage and promote science literacy in second- and third-grade students, and 80% of students in participating schools will show improvement in these skills after participating in project activities.
 - 2.5 Carroll County Public Schools and Carroll County Public Library staff will jointly establish one book club for students in each library service area.
3. **We innovate to meet the changing needs of students, teachers, and families.**
- 3.1 Carroll County Public Library and Carroll County Public Schools will co-sponsor at least three new programs or services for students and their families, involving other community partners as appropriate.
 - 3.2 Carroll County Public Library and Carroll County Public Schools will use technology to improve collaborative activities.
 - 3.3 Carroll County Public Library and Carroll County Public Schools will identify and promote new opportunities for students to engage in service learning and civic engagement activities, and 10% more students will earn service learning credits as a result.
 - 3.4 Carroll County Public Library and Carroll County Public Schools will provide at least two joint in-service activities a year in order to encourage innovation and collaboration.

A chart outlining each partner's responsibilities in meeting these objectives is attached.

Date Partnership Will Be in Place: October 1, 2005—June 30, 2006 (and subject to annual renewal each July)

School System Representative Date

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Date Partnership Will Be in Place: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 (and subject to annual renewal each July)

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