Defining Library Development Task Force Vision Statement
Network Advisory Council
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Libraries =

- Communities, community
- Foundation
- Vibrant places (physical & virtual) of learning, information sharing & knowledge creation
- Academic
- Public
- Models, sustaining
- All-powerful wielders of information awesomeness
- School
- Free, open & accessible information
- Staff
- Special
- Boards
- $
- Freedom access to good information and tools
- Actively used centers of information
- Librarians, staff, volunteers

Are leaders =

- Researching and procuring materials to meet future needs (ebooks)
- Communicate library and community resources often
- Providing information, or providing access to information. Good/reliable/valuable/important information
- show up
- well know participants
- people of influence
- motivate
- cultivate relationships
- connect people/causes
- know all key players
- innovative
- persuade
- vision/visionary
- trustworthy, dependable, & safe
- see and take action on change needed for larger group – community

- design
- grow
- show impact
- relevant, anticipate & meet needs, valued, trusted
- sought after
- get the right people together
- integrated
- human beings who support and build each other to move forward strategically

In creating =
- be engaged with the community.   Not only with the patrons who come to the library but spend time out in the community - gauge what might be needed and provide the service
- innovative change & development
- make happen
- brainstorm
- innovative and proactive planning
- forward-thinking, information that stirs thought and creativity
- use of facilities, engagement, conversations, connections, new opportunities
- wide variety of collections & programs
- develop: think outside the box
- healthy collections
- open access, programming, teaching, connecting, organizing
- take good risks
- innovate to solve problems and help

Thriving =
- Responding to community needs
- being ready and able to accommodate the changing needs - of both libraries and the patrons
- vibrant, growing, resilient
- succeed
- dream
- arts, culture, business
- access to resources
- healthy, growing, understanding needs & have resources to address
- growing & learning
- quality of life
- engaged and informed as well as economically and socially healthy

- community health
- personal success
- filling a community need; evolving as needed; sustainable practice
- great press
- educational, economic, cultural improvements
- active participation in library events
- successful by their own measures – capable & effective, cooperative &respectful

Communities =
- a successful community is well informed, knows where it is going, what is coming, knows who the "go-to" person is and hopefully the library can be that - or a part of it anyway
- those who we interact with and who impact our lives and surroundings
- diverse patrons
- humankind
- families
- sustaining and forward thinking groups
- emotional investors
- common ground
- partnerships with community
- towns/cities
- diverse groups with common thread(s)
- all perspectives
- groups of people
- Montanans
- Groups, organizations, businesses, city, county, state
- Individuals who come together to support, care about, & enrich each other's lives