



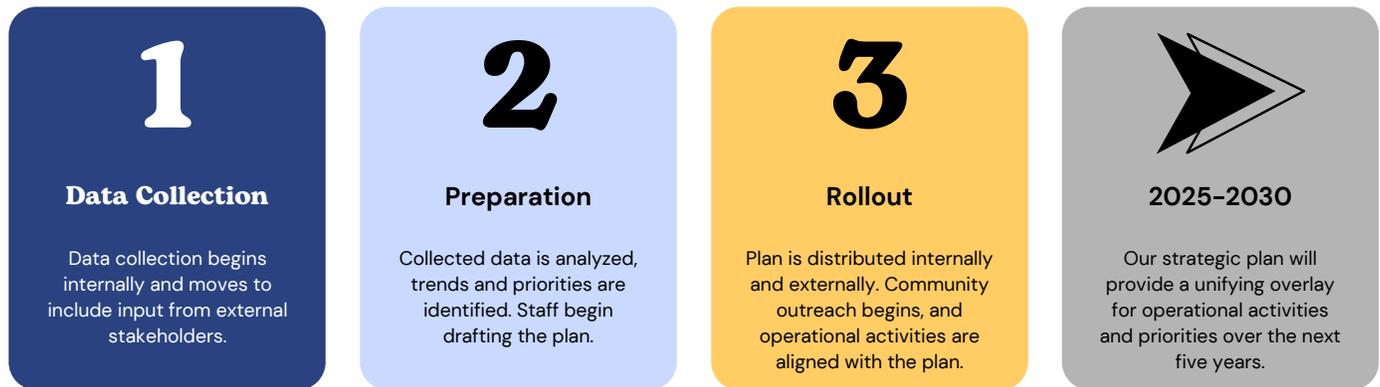
Overview

The Lee-Itawamba Library System is a two-county public library system serving a combined population of 106,721 residents. In addition, the system offers library cards to individuals currently residing within the State of Mississippi. The system is also a member of the Mississippi Library Partnership, administered by Mississippi State University, which connects local patrons to over 3 million items and 68 other libraries across the state. The Lee County Library celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2016.

Fiscal Year 2023

- Patrons saved more than **\$2.1 million** by borrowing library materials
- Over **130,000** library visits
- **8,000** attendance for library programs
- **2,000** utilized library meeting space
- Friends of the Lee County Library contributed almost **1600** volunteer hours

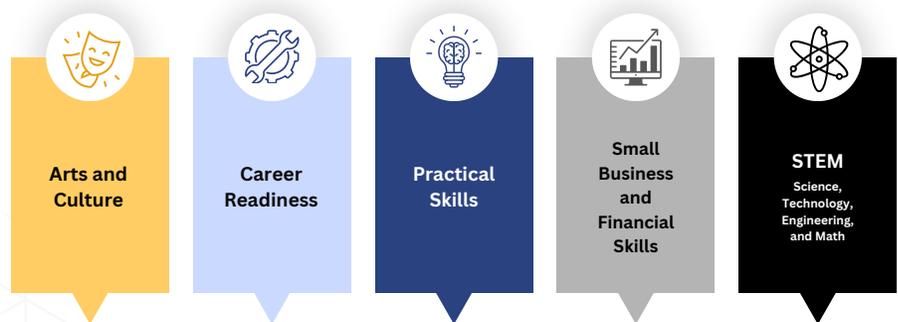
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Outreach & Collaboration

The Lee-Itawamba Library System seeks to collaborate as an **active partner** within the communities it serves, working to enhance local quality of life and facilitate community progress. System staff are examining opportunities to intentionally increase outreach efforts and local partnerships.

A popular example of library outreach continues to be the Lee County Library Bookmobile, which is the **oldest continuously operating bookmobile service in the State of Mississippi**. Other venues include but are not limited to library appearances in local Christmas parades, festivals, street fairs, and events.



Areas of Emphasis for Programming

Library staff are working to increase the level of programming offered by the library as well. Building upon an active foundation of programs for children and teens, the library plans to begin offering classes, workshops, and cultural programs for adults, while maintaining signature collaborative events such as **Tupelo Reads**, the **Helen Foster Lecture**, and the Friends of the Lee County Library's popular **Lunching with Books** series.