Library Community Arts Initiative Work Plan

Vision	Resources	Action	Yield	Initial Impact	Sustained Outcome
St. Helena has a library with a reputation for being an innovative, cultural hub and a place for art appreciation and learning in the community. The library is known as a place of social activity and an outlet for artistic expression and discovery. Library programs are embraced and sustained by the community. Ongoing programs help to generate support for the library in the form of use, funding, and community partnerships.	 Information on existing and previous programs that have been successful in St. Helena and other similar communities Space and time to provide programs. Library/City commitment to marketing of initiative. Funding commitment for activities from Friends of the Library. A team of volunteers who will assist the library in the creation of art-related activities for the community. 	Write position descriptions for leaders/committee members. Select and support initial volunteer team leader(s). Articulate new initiative to internal and external stakeholders—Library Board, FOL, library staff, schools and community service groups.	 Implement two seasonal art/craft programs for children ages 8 to12 with a goal of four ongoing programs a year. Develop "traveling art field trip" for at least one grade level and make arrangements to present in school classrooms 09/10. Create at least one partnership in the greater arts community for purposes of recruiting volunteers and developing and marketing programs. At least six volunteers trained and dedicated to providing opportunities for children, teens, and adults to interact with each other and learn in an environment that encourages artistic expression. 	 Children and teens will have access to art programs and learning opportunities that will provide new ways for them to engage with each other, explore their own artistic skills through creative expression, and expand their knowledge of art culture and history. Children and adults will gain a new understanding of historical contributions and cultural dimensions of the arts. Volunteers with an interest in art history, art education and various art mediums will have the opportunity to share their skills and expertise with the next generation of artists, and help shape young people's experience of art and culture in our community. Create opportunities for gateway experiences and behaviors—introduction to other library uses and services through the activities developed from this vision. 	Library extends its reach into new areas of the community through art. Library facilitates connections between individuals, businesses, organizations, and other entities throughout the community as an arts education resource. Library is the "third place" for St. Helena residents.