Get Involved at the Library April Ide, Library Director

One of my favorite things about New Ulm is how much our community supports the organizations and institutions it offers to its residents, including the library. Time and again I have been impressed by the way community members give their time and energy to the place they call home. The library can offer the kinds of services, programs, and materials our patrons want us to offer because of how engaged our patrons are. We have two new opportunities for the New Ulm community to get involved at the library.

The library's current strategic plan was written to guide the library from 2018 through 2022. At its January meeting the New Ulm Public Library Board decided to form a committee of Board members, library staff, and community members to review the strategic plan and make a recommendation to the Board on how to proceed with the plan. That could mean creating an extension of the library's current plan or writing a new strategic plan. We would like to invite community members to join the committee to help us review our progress and set new goals. The committee will meet several times during 2022 for 1-2 hour sessions. We hope you consider joining us for this important strategic planning!

New Ulm Public Library is grateful to have an active group of library Friends who support our collections, programming, newsletters, and more through their efforts and donations of both materials and funding. The Friends of New Ulm Public Library is a non-profit, tax-exempt (501(c)3) community organization that believes in the importance of the library and its services for people of all ages.

The Friends of the New Ulm Public Library are looking for current or new members who are interested in joining the Friends Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meets 2-4 times each year to discuss funding requests from the library; Friends newsletters; volunteer opportunities; the annual used book sale; and more. This is a great way to show your support of the library, meet community members, and get involved!

If you would like to join the strategic planning committee or the Friends of the Library, or would like more information on either, please call Library Director April Ide at 507-359-8331 or email aide@tds.lib.mn.us.

The library is located at 17 N Broadway and is open to the public Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, February 21 to observe Presidents Day.