



Western New York Library Resources Council

Western New York Library Resources Council Proposal for Strategic Planning July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031

Timeline

Part 1: Gather Information

May 2024:	Summary of accomplishments in the current strategic plan
June. – Dec. 2024 :	Learn about developing topics – AI, resource sharing trends, open data and research
Jan. – June 2025:	Survey members, Collaboration retreat with staff, Standing Committee members, and Board of Trustees (and other stakeholders as needed) on priorities in a strategic planning retreat

Part 2: Drafting and Soliciting Feedback

July – Nov. 2025:	Write first and second drafts
Dec. – 2025:	Put out draft to membership for 30-day review

Part 3: Plan Submittal

Jan. 2026:	Incorporate any changes or corrections into draft to create final version
Feb. 2026:	Submit new plan to the State Library, Division of Library Development

Process

Part 1: Gather Information

May 2024:	Summary of Accomplishments report provided to Board for discussion
June 2024:	Staff presentations, Speaker Panel on AI, Short business meeting
Oct. 2024:	Annual Meeting
Sept. 2024:	Speaker Panel on Open Data and research; building metrics



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Nov. 2024:	Speaker Panel on Advocacy and library relevance
Dec. 2024:	Final Speaker: Topic TBD
Jan. – Feb. 2025:	Develop Survey to Members
March - April 2025:	Review data, write Executive Summary
May - June 2025:	Board/Standing Committees/Staff Retreat, review outcomes and provide Executive Summary

Part 2: Drafting and Soliciting Feedback

July – Sept. 2025:	Complete First Draft
Oct. – Nov. 2025:	Complete Second Draft
Dec. 2025:	Have online draft plan for 30-day comment period

Part 3: Plan Submittal

January 2026:	Incorporate comments, changes, suggestions into plan
February 2026:	Submit plan through DLD portal
Feb. – May 2026:	Wait for approval from DLD