FY2017 Objectives

1st Priority:

1. Expand the building monitor hours from the current 21 weekly to 38 hours weekly and keep the building monitors in place year round. (Eliminate current summer furloughs)
2. Restore the funding cuts made to the library’s materials budgets two years ago. Work with the City Administrator and the City Council to achieve this objective.
3. Play a leading role in supporting the Lewiston School Department’s Campaign for Grade Level Reading.
4. Upgrade staff and public computers to Windows 10 to ensure that library technology is compatible with the most current apps and websites used by patrons for job-seeking, learning, and recreational pursuits.
5. Take steps to make the Children’s Room a warmer, happier, and more welcoming place. These should include, but are not limited to: weeding unwanted materials (old books, VHS and cassette tapes); creating another reading nook; providing more directional signage; and introducing live plants.

2nd Priority:

6. Increase number of public computers from 32 to 43, per Edge Initiative recommendations. To create space for additional stations, move Internet Room computers to area in front of the Reference Desk.
7. Take advantage of our participation in the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s 2017 exhibition, Marsden Hartley’s Maine, to gain wider visibility for LPL and the library’s programming efforts by planning and implementing special Marsden Hartley programming.
8. Eliminate facility use application fee requirement for non-profit organizations in order to improve access to library space resources for community groups and the public.
9. Review and revise the Library’s Collection Development Policy.
10. Implement a monthly after-school science program for elementary-age school children.
11. Pursue STEM programming for all ages in order to encourage the development of a skilled workforce; continue to strengthen partnerships with area schools and colleges in order to encourage education and growth in these subjects.
12. Pursue funding for a Teen Librarian who would be responsible only for teen services, including but not limited to programming, reference work, collection development, and outreach to community groups and area schools.

13. Retrofit the lighting in the grand reading rooms of the original library facility to a more energy-efficient system while also providing a better level of lighting.

14. Implement a plan and secure funding to improve the Teen Room by switching it with the Maine Room and adding glass doors and soundproofing.

15. Expand the library’s video surveillance monitoring system by adding four cameras capable of recording at a high pixel quality, including one camera in the Pillsbury Building’s elevator.

16. Upgrade both of the Library’s elevators to include the new microprocessors recommended by our elevator service technicians.