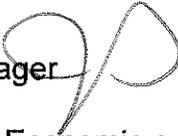




## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: January 31, 2012

To: John Szerlag, City Manager 

From: Mark F. Miller, Director, Economic and Community Development   
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Subject: Lifelong Learning Committee Update

The Lifelong Learning Committee was established by City Council in October 2011. The Committee's charge is to broaden the scope of the Troy Public Library's outreach into the community as well as assist in strategic planning.

The first meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee was held on Thursday, January 12, 2012. Twenty-two residents signed up to participate; of these, 11 attended the meeting.

The LLC members agreed that part of the committee's charge was to be ambassadors to the community, in terms of soliciting feedback about what programs, materials and services residents would like to see at their library. The members also agreed that because this is a new committee, it should be viewed as a work in progress and that the members will continue to refine the committee's concept and charge.

The committee formed 3 subcommittees:

1. **Programs**—this committee will work on ideas for programming for the library. Some examples that were brainstormed include: diversity training; cultural programs; family programming; couponing; addressing the digital divide; Troy Idol; music programs; Movie Night; and more.
2. **Partnerships**—this committee will explore possible partnerships between TPL and the business community, whether for donations, fundraising, sponsorship of a program series, or ways that TPL and the organization can work together. Other things this committee could do include exploring the creation of a library foundation, as well as grant opportunities.
3. **Publicity**—this committee will investigate ways to increase TPL's visibility in the community and get the word out about all TPL has to offer.

The subcommittees will meet in February, and the entire committee will meet again in late March. I will keep you posted as to further developments.