PUBLIC/SCHOOL LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

Hazen Union School & Jeudevine Memorial Library

SCHOOL LIBRARY MISSION

The <u>Hazen Union School Library</u> serves a diverse community of learners. Our "future ready library" strives to foster a welcoming and equitable environment that offers flexible and useful spaces, connections to school and community assets, and a collection of diverse and accessible digital and physical resources. We hope to spark and support intellectual freedom and curiosity, collaboration and compassion, creativity and confidence—and, of course, a lifelong love of books and reading!

PRIORITY GOAL

Initiate a working partnership with the <u>local public library</u> to support and improve equitable and open access to resources and services within our school and community at large.

OBJECTIVES

- Establish a framework for the library partnership
- Develop and commit to two collaborative initiatives for the 2021-22 school year
- Research public/school library partnerships to explore future possibilities for Hazen/Jeudevine

ACTION ITEMS

- Identify needs and resources and create a strategic plan
- Plan and implement Vermont Reads programming for the community
- Begin Sora/Libby Library Connect program to share ebook and audiobook collections via Overdrive
- Identify resources and model school/public library partnerships to learn from

PROGRAM VISION

The Hazen/Jeudevine partnership supports the OSSU commitment to individual and community health and wellbeing. "Both public and school libraries are community centers at heart, with the same goal: to provide a safe, welcoming environment for all patrons and access to information in a variety of formats. When public and school librarians and library workers engage in collaboration, community members reap the benefits." (ALA Public Library & School Library Collaboration Toolkit)

