

Petersburg...A City of Readers  
Steering Committee History

**ORGANIZATION:** The Steering Committee was organized on December 13, 1999. The first meeting was held at the Library and there were 8 people present. We met twice a month for a while and then changed to once a month.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the committee was to continue the momentum started at the Library's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October 1999 where the Mayor initiated a reading program to encourage children and adults alike to read.

**GOALS:** Increase leisure reading for all ages, and remind residents of the importance and fun of reading. Our goal is to encourage people to read, teach the importance of reading, thus improving the SOL scores and literacy rate. To make "Petersburg...A City of Readers" we need to utilize what we have and get support from the community.