



## **OUR CORE VALUES**

### **Access**

Access provides opportunities for everyone in the community to obtain library resources and services with minimal disruption.

### **Equity**

Libraries play a crucial role in fostering equity by actively working to dismantle barriers and create spaces that are accessible, welcoming, and beneficial for all.

### **Intellectual Freedom and Privacy**

Intellectual freedom empowers people to think for themselves and to make informed decisions while respecting each individual's dignity and independence. Libraries encourage people to cultivate curiosity and form ideas by questioning the world and accessing information from diverse viewpoints and formats without restrictions or censorship. The right to privacy is a crucial safeguard to this freedom, ensuring everyone has the right to develop their thoughts and opinions free of surveillance.

### **Public Good**

Public good is working to improve society and protect the rights to education, literacy, and intellectual freedom for all. Libraries are an essential public good and are fundamental institutions in democratic societies. Library workers provide the highest service levels to create informed, connected, educated, and empowered communities.

### **Sustainability**

Sustainability means making choices that are good for the environment, make sense economically, and treat everyone equitably. Sustainable choices preserve physical and digital resources and keep services useful now and into the future. By supporting climate resiliency, libraries create thriving communities and care for our common good for a better tomorrow.

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