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Intellectual Freedom / Library Bill of Rights

The Portland Library Board of Directors affirms that Portland Library shall be guided by the principles stated in the Library Bill of Rights set forth by the American Library Association.

Furthermore, the Library shall strive to provide equal opportunity for all people in the library's service area for access to information and ideas through technology.

The six principles of the Library Bill of Rights follow:

I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.

II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.

V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use."

Portland Library shall provide exhibit spaces and meeting rooms pursuant to existing library policies. The Library shall provide access to information and literature through media and technology to meet the needs of all patrons in the library's service area.

Policies on confidentiality and internet use shall help to ensure patrons' right to privacy and intellectual freedom. Notices shall be posted at appropriate places in the library regarding possible threats to privacy that are beyond the Library's control.

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ALA Bill of rights: <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/librarybillrights.htm>