

NEWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND PRINCIPLES

LIBRARY PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

It is the responsibility of the library to serve all the community, and adopt the ALA Library Bill of Rights, as amended in 1980.

The Board believes in the principles of intellectual freedom, as provided for in the first amendment of the constitution, which affirms a citizen's right to individual beliefs and expression. Freedom of speech and freedom of the press also extend to the right of free access to a wide spectrum of ideas and information.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

In order to exercise its powers and responsibilities most effectively, the Board recommends that the City Council consider candidates for the Board who are committed to the library's purpose and have time to give to its affairs; who will maintain an awareness of modern library service in preparation for making knowledgeable decisions in the interest of making a better library; and who will work cooperatively with other Board trustees for the common good.

It is the duty of the trustee to assume full responsibility as a Board member. If unable to attend meetings regularly and complete work delegated, a trustee shall resign so that an active member can be appointed.

ADMINISTRATION

The Board delegates authority for management of the library to the Library Director, and the Board supports the Director's efforts to implement library policies.