

## Philosophical Principles Policy

The foundation of modern librarianship rests on an essential set of core values that define, inform and guide the professional practice of the Peter White Public Library. These values reflect the history and ongoing development of the profession and have been advanced, expanded and refined by numerous policy statements of the American Library Association (ALA).

Among these are:

- Access
- Confidentiality/Privacy
- Democracy
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Intellectual Freedom
- Preservation
- The Public Good
- Professionalism
- Service
- Social Responsibility

To support the library's mission and vision, the Peter White Public Library recognizes the American Library Association's policy statements including:

- In order to uphold these values library trustees and staff will discharge their duties in compliance with the *ALA Code of Ethics and statements on equity, diversity and inclusion*.
- The library supports intellectual freedom and has adopted the *ALA's Library Bill of Rights* and its interpretations including the statements on privacy, meeting rooms, exhibit spaces and bulletin boards.
- Recognizing that free communication is essential to the preservation of a free society and a creative culture and is guaranteed by the Constitution, the library endorses the *ALA's Freedom to Read Statement* and the *Freedom to View Statement*.

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Peter White Public Library Board of Trustees

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