

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



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



Libraries should
 advocate for, educate
 about, and protect
 people's privacy,
 safeguarding all library
 use data, including
 personally identifiable
 information.



First drafted by library
 director Forrest
 Spaulding in 1938, the
 Library Bill of Rights
 was adopted one year
 later by the American
 Library Association.

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

6. 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.



7. All people, regardless
 of origin, age,
 background, or views,
 possess a right to privacy
 and confidentiality in
 their library use.

Adopted June 19,
 1939, by the ALA
 Council; amended
 October 14, 1944; June
 18, 1948; February 2,
 1961; June 27, 1967;
 January 23,
 1980; January 29,
 2019.



2. 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.

1. 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.

The American Library
 Association affirms that
 all libraries are forums
 for information and
 ideas, and that the
 following basic policies
 should guide their
 services.

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