1. We provide the highest level of service to all library users through appropriate and usefully organized resources; equitable service policies; equitable access; and accurate, unbiased, and courteous responses to all requests.

2. We uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist all efforts to censor library resources.

3. We protect each library user's right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed or acquired and good faith, and with respect to information confidentiality with privacy and library users' right to

4. We respect intellectual property rights and advocate balance between the interests of information users and rights holders.

5. We respect employees of our institutions and coworkers, and by protecting the aspirations of our institutions and other colleagues, we do not advance private interests at the expense of library users, colleagues, or our employing institutions.

6. We distinguish between our personal convictions and professional duties and do not allow our personal beliefs to interfere with fair representation of the aims of our institutions or the provision of access to their information resources.

7. We affirm the inherent dignity and rights of every person. We work to recognize and dismantle systemic and individual biases; to confront inequity and oppression; to enhance diversity and inclusion; and to advance racial and social justice in our libraries, communities, profession, and associations through awareness, advocacy, education, collaboration, services, and allocation of resources and spaces.

8. We strive for excellence in the profession by maintaining and enhancing our own knowledge and skills; by encouraging the professional development of co-workers; and by maintaining and enhancing our own knowledge and skills. By recognizing the profession's role in advancing the public interest and by contributing to the profession's growth, we strive for excellence in the profession.

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