

Core Values Task Force II Report

The foundation of modern librarianship rests on an essential set of core values which define, inform, and guide our professional practice.

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. Among these are:

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

Excerpts from ALA Policy

Following are some representative excerpts from ALA policy expressing the values listed

many of these statements express the interrelationship of these values.

A more extensive index of ALA policies compiled by CVTFII is available on the ALA web site.

All information resources that are provided directly or indirectly by the library,

regardless of technology, format, or method of delivery, should be readily available and

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

THE PUBLIC GOOD

ALA reaffirms the following fundamental values of libraries in the context of discussing outsourcing and privatization of library services. These values include that libraries are

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