

**MARSHALLTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

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MISSION:

Marshalltown Public Library exists to provide residents of Marshalltown and Marshall County with materials and services that meet their needs for recreation, information, education, and cultural awareness.

PRIMARY ROLE:

Current Topics & Titles . . . To provide books and other materials that satisfy community members' need and desire for information about popular culture and social trends as well as satisfying their need for recreational experiences. Providing current, high demand, high interest materials in a variety of formats is our highest priority.

SECONDARY ROLES (in priority order):

General Information . . . To meet community members' need for information and answers to questions on a broad array of topics. To this end, MPL will provide timely, accurate and useful information to community residents.

Lifelong Learning . . . To address the desire for self-directed personal growth and development opportunities. We will offer materials and services that address community members' desire for self-directed personal growth. Furthermore, we will work side by side with community schools, adult education providers, and other agencies that promote education and literacy.

Cultural Awareness . . . To assist in satisfying the desire of community members to gain an understanding of their own cultural heritage and the cultural heritage of others. In keeping with this role, MPL will provide materials and programming that reflects the richness of America's diverse cultural heritage, and especially the heritage of those populations represented in our community.

Marshalltown Public Library strives to be fully accessible to persons with handicaps; service will not be denied or abridged on the basis of age, ethnicity, educational level or economic circumstances. We pledge to maintain a welcoming atmosphere to persons whose first language is not English. We fully support the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights" as well as additional intellectual freedom statements "Freedom to Read" and "Freedom to View."