

WEBER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Guiding Principles

Vision

Happiness comes from reaching one's full potential and finding meaning in life. It is a lifelong endeavor that can best be achieved when one is free to use reason in the pursuit of one's own unique life plan. It is the Board's position that, as a democratic institution, the Library must strive to mitigate the effects of powerful special interests that may attempt to substitute any one of a number of sets of prescribed *values* for the broad, general *principles* upon which this nation was originally founded; that is, the right to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. The more closely the Library aligns itself with the principles of reason – such as fairness, integrity, tolerance, honesty, dignity, and respect – the more effective it will be in providing programs and services that empower users to live their lives in a manner that brings fulfillment and happiness.

Mission

Ultimately, this vision leads to the heart of the Library's mission:

To empower each member of the community with a sense of personal worth and the self-confidence necessary to undertake and fulfill a unique life-plan; that is, to pursue their individual goals, to achieve their own happiness.

To this end, the Library Board, administration, and staff are dedicated to the stewardship of a principled institution, which, like an old growth forest, is rich in diversity and contains all of the intellectual seeds of an ethical education and a real spiritual awakening.

Goals

The primary goal of the Weber County Library System is to provide access to a rich amalgamation of relevant information resources, programs, and services, enabling users to make meaningful decisions in their lives and participate as full-fledged members of our democratic society. The Library's secondary goal is to serve as the social glue that binds people together in a sense of community; that is, to manage resources and programs so users will find civic cohesion and social solidarity in something other than a common race, a common religion, or a common culture.