

Roles and Activities of Libraries in Support of Democracy

- Serve as an information center
- Maintain diverse collections and resources
- Provide access to electronic collections
- Guide critical thinking skills for consuming information
- Promote programs, discussions, and book groups
- Provide information on elections and candidates positions
- Serve as an economic equalizer and a place that cuts across class and ethnic lines
- Enhance the learning of children to prepare the next generation to become better citizens

The library will provide leadership, facilities, and programs to help people be more enlightened, participatory, productive and informed citizens.

How will the library of the future contribute to the health of our democracy?



The mission of the library will be to create an informed public.

The library fosters the community-mindedness in which democracy thrives

The library will preserve and promote the best of our political tradition by making prominent our key political writings. It will emphasize nuances and complexity of our history and not just repeat the myths and legends that enter into our understanding of our history.

Library Services are Available to All People

- Free and ready access to information
- Available at any time from anywhere in the state

Collections and Programs Support Topics Related to Democracy

- Citizenship
- Civil rights
- Copyright issues
- Current political and economic issues
- Freedom of speech
- Government actions
- History
- Intellectual freedom
- Multi-cultural society
- Laws
- World, national, state, and local news and issues

