

The Columbia County Libraries Bill of Rights

The Columbia County Libraries affirm that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies will guide services.

- I. Books and other library resources will be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the Columbia County community. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. The Columbia County Libraries will provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. The Columbia County Libraries will challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. The Columbia County Libraries will cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. The Columbia County Libraries make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.