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| WAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY | BOARD |
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Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Waukee Public Library is to lead the way in meeting the educational and informational needs of the people of Waukee by providing library resources for their interest, information, enlightenment and entertainment. The Waukee Public Library will maintain and make available materials and sponsor programs that will help Waukee residents to:

- 1) Be life-long learners
- 1) Keep pace with progress in many fields of knowledge
- 2) Become better members of home and community
- 3) Be more capable in their occupations
- 4) Develop their creative and spiritual capacities
- 5) Appreciate and enjoy the arts
- 6) Make use of leisure time as will benefit both self and society
- 7) Participate in a broad-based exchange of ideas on a wide variety of issues and topics

The most crucial ingredients for fulfilling our purpose are an excellent PUBLIC SERVICE staff, a strong COLLECTION of materials reflecting the interests of our community, and varied, Library-sponsored PROGRAMMING for all ages.

Definitions

Public Service: The process of courteously and effectively connecting patrons with appropriate material, people, programs or information to meet their needs.

Collection: The sum total of all print and non-print materials available for use by patrons, through either loan or in-house use.

Programming: The Library's systematic involvement in sponsoring, organizing and/or hosting specific one-time, serial or ongoing events designed to connect Library users with human, print or non-print resources in line with the Library's purpose.

These vital processes are supported by related activities under the general headings of technical services, publicity, and personnel management/staff development.