

WAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOARD
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COOPERATION WITH OTHER LIBRARIES	UPDATED 6/94 REVISED 9/02 UPDATED 3/05 Reviewed and approved 12/06; Reviewed and updated 06/11

Cooperation with other Libraries

The availability of overwhelming quantities of information and recreational media, the speed of change in our society, and limited public funding for libraries make networking and resource sharing on many levels the only viable approach to providing satisfactory service to local patrons. This Library stands behind the State Library of Iowa plans to support all types of libraries in the state and participates in any cooperative efforts seen to potentially increase the State Library's effectiveness in serving our patrons.

Cooperation may take such forms as interlibrary loan, database sharing, cooperative buying plans for materials or supplies, expanded continuing education opportunities, shared cataloging, development of areas of specialty in different but related libraries, shared research or statistics, reference back-up, reciprocal borrowing agreements, and many others.

Membership in the American Library Association, the Iowa Library Association, and active participation with State Library of Iowa, Central Iowa Library Service Area and the Dallas County Library Association are examples of such efforts.

Another example is the relationship between the Waukee Public Library and the Waukee Schools. The Waukee Library Board believes that Waukee residents and the Library's purposes are best served by close cooperation and mutual support in that relationship. While their stated purposes are distinct, they are closely related and complementary institutions. The Library Trustees and staff will seek ways to strengthen ties of cooperation and support through staff contact, resource-sharing, mutual promotion, etc.