

31 Examples Of Library Vision And Mission Statements

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I scoured the web for the best mission statements for libraries. In my research, I discovered most libraries actually had three core statements:

- A vision statement
- A mission statement
- A vision statement



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Each serves its own purpose, which I discuss below.

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The Difference Between Values, Vision And Mission



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A library mission statement sets out your purpose. It shows how you serve your community every day. For mission statements, it's good to start them with phrases like:

- “Every day we...”

A library vision statement sets out your students’ (or community’s) future. It shows what you want your visitors to have learned once they leave:

- “We aspire for our students to be...”
- “Our students will be equipped with...”
- “We strive to develop a community with...”

A library values statement sets out your principles. It shows your community what you value. Examples of things you value include:

- Inclusion
- Equity
- Free access to information
- Social justice
- Serving others

Best Words To Use In A Library Mission Statement

I pulled together a whole stack of vision, values and mission statements from libraries around the web and threw them into a word cloud. This is what came up:



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Some good words I like from those statements are:

- Serve
- Information
- Access
- Welcoming
- Support
- Community
- Research
- Responsive
- Empower
- Media
- Communication Technology
- Encourage
- Ethical

Library Mission Statement Examples

School Library Mission Statements

information technologies with strong intellectual curiosity and life-long love of reading, learning, and independent thinking.” – **Oak Bay High Library**

- “[Our] mission is to promote information and **digital** literacy to all students, staff and the community. Through collaboration, research and thinking critically, students will become proficient learners in accessing information in the **21st century**.” – **Stephenson Elementary Library Media Center**
- “...to provide a place for students to learn and appreciate the power of information through various print and electronic materials, to supply a space where ideas can meet through students and teachers, and to inspire individuals of any kind to be an active and contributing member of society.” – **Tuscaloosa City Schools**
- “to provide quality learning experiences designed to equip students with the skills to adapt and thrive in a changing global environment.” – **William Byrd High School**
- “to help each student excel and achieve maximum potential by creating a 21st century learning environment, fostering a love of reading, and promoting the effective use of information and communications technology.” – **The Meadows Elementary Library**
- “The mission of the school library program is to provide an inviting, dynamic learning environment and services that support and enhance teaching, literacy and learning.” – **New Brockton Elementary Media Center**



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> Read Also: 79 School Vision and Mission Statements

Community Library Mission Statements

- “To enrich lives and communities through universal access to knowledge, lifelong learning, and literacy.” – **Vancouver Island Regional Library**
- “To enrich the lives of the community by empowering its citizens’ personal, educational and professional growth. The library is dedicated to advancing literacy and fostering life-long learning.” – **Belmont Public Library**
- “A free place for everyone to discover, create, and share ideas and information.” – **Vancouver Public Library**
- “...provides free and equitable access to services which meet the changing needs of Torontonians. The Library preserves and promotes universal access to a broad range of human knowledge, experience, information and ideas in a welcoming and supportive environment.” – **Toronto Public Library**
- “...provides our community with an inviting center for information, instruction, learning, leisure, and cultural opportunities.” – **Provo City Library**
- “enriches lives by fostering lifelong learning and by ensuring that every member of the community has access to a vast array of ideas and information.” – **San José Public Library**

needs within the community.” – **Langley-Adams Library**

- “to provide all residents with impartial and inclusive access to a wide range of information resources, programs, equipment, and services in order to encourage literacy and lifelong learning and to support educational, cultural, and recreational activities.” – **Trent Lakes Public Library**
- “...an open forum promoting knowledge, ideas, and cultural enrichment.” – **Santa Clara County Library**
- “We bring people together by inspiring and supporting lifelong-learning, literacy, creativity and cultural expression to find, share and create knowledge.” – **Coffs Harbour Libraries**
- “The mission of the public library is to provide free and open access to a broad range of materials and services to people of all ages and backgrounds.” – **Wisconsin Public Libraries**
- “...transforms lives by cultivating personal and intellectual growth and by building strong communities.” – **Queens Public Library**

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Library Vision Statement Examples

School Library Vision Statements

- “to empower students to learn technology and 21st-century skills **incorporating collaboration**, communication, creativity, critical thinking, and citizenship.” – **William Byrd High School**
- “...empowers students to be curious, passionate, respectful learners who explore, connect, evaluate, and create.” – **Iowa City Community Schools**
- “To be the welcoming heart of our community where all come to learn, discover, create, and connect.” – **Bellville Public Library**
- “The library will enable our students to become seekers of ideas and information, will help nurture an interest in reading, and will encourage a desire for lifelong learning.” – **New Brockton Elementary Media Center**

Community Library Vision Statements

- “To develop strong library branches that are vital community destinations for knowledge, inspiration, innovation, and renewal.” – **Vancouver Island Regional Library**
- “...to provide a center for information and discovery through innovative programming, robust collections, and responsive services.” – **Bellville Public Library**
- “An informed, engaged, and connected city.” – **Vancouver Public Library**

- "...a leader in celebrating reading and transforming lives through knowledge and information. The library provides accessible services through current technology and resources." – **Trent Lakes Public Library**
- "Our libraries, museum, and gallery inspire learning, sharing, creativity and inclusion, and are a cornerstone for our community's economic, social and cultural well-being." – **Coffs Harbour Libraries**
- "Our vision is a vibrant, informed, cohesive, and empowered society." – **Queens Public Library**

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Conclusion

Library mission statements are personal to the context in which they're located. If you're a library situated in a diverse city, it's probably imperative that you focus on diversity in your mission and vision statement. Similarly, if you're a school, your school library mission statement will be full of information about students and learning.

A collaborative approach that includes all stakeholders – including community partners, staff, parents, students and clients can help ensure your [mission and vision statements](#) reflect the community you serve.

And once you've created these statements, make sure they're embedded in everything you do so they're worth the paper they're written on! The statement is a guidepost, but it's up to the team to put it into action on a daily basis.



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Library Mission & Vision Statements

Mission Statement

The Berkeley Public Library provides materials and services to help community residents obtain information to meet their personal, educational and cultural needs, and serves as a learning and educational center for its residents.

Vision Statement

The Berkeley Public Library will foster the spirit of exploration, lifelong learning, the joy of reading, and the pursuit of information and knowledge for all ages and cultures.



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Mission and Vision

Mission:

The Cranbury Public Library actively supports bringing people, information, and ideas together.

Vision:

The Cranbury Public Library aims to serve the needs of its patrons by expanding minds, building community and inspiring curiosity. We strive to promote a lifelong love of reading, learning, and literacy. Our Library seeks to provide quality resources, programs, assistance, and space to seek, discover, relax, contemplate, discuss, plan, and interact.

Values:

- A free public library is essential to the public good of Cranbury.
- All Cranbury Public Library users are entitled to a superior level of library service commensurate with the needs of the community and available resources.
- All library users have the right to privacy, confidentiality, and intellectual freedom.
- The Board of Trustees will exercise responsible stewardship in support of the library's mission.

Approved by the Cranbury Public Library Board of Trustees in 2017

The Cranbury Public Library Board of Trustees endorses the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and their Freedom to Read statement. Copies of these documents in pdf format are linked to below

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Transitioning Policy (<https://www.epl.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Evanston-Public-Librarys-Workplace-Transition-Policy.pdf>)

Vision & Mission

Mission

Evanston Public Library aims to be the heart of our diverse community by promoting the development of independent, self-confident and literate citizens, and providing equitable access to cultural, intellectual, technological, and information resources.

Vision Statement

The Evanston Public Library Board of Trustees envisions a community in which the Library engages all residents in reaching their aspirations. The Library's staff, collections, programs, technology and leadership help ensure that:

- All Evanston residents of every background and ability have the opportunity to enjoy an intellectually and culturally rich life
- Every child experiences the pleasure of reading, the joy of learning, enters school with the requisite developmental skills and continues to develop critical thinking skills including functional literacy
- Our community celebrates, appreciates and supports its diversity in all of its forms
- Those in need can find assistance and information with ease
- Every resident experiences the pleasure of reading and the joy of lifelong learning

The Evanston Public Library endorses and embraces the **American Library Association's Equity of Access Statement** (<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/access/equityofaccess>):

Equity of Access

Equity of access means that all people have the information they need – regardless of age, education, ethnicity, language, income, physical limitations or geographic barriers. It means they are able to obtain information in a variety of formats – electronic, as well as print. It also means they are free to exercise their right to know without fear of censorship or reprisal.

In addition to these efforts supporting equity of access, ALA also actively prioritizes access to information.

The Evanston Public Library supports the **American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights** (<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill%20>).

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Library Mission, Vision, & Core Values

Library Mission Statement

The Belleville Public Library is a strong community partner providing programs and services that bring people together, foster creativity, and encourage lifelong learning. We preserve our storied past, enrich present lives, and prepare for an ever-changing future.

Our Vision

To be the welcoming heart of our community where all come to learn, discover, create, and connect.

Our Core Values

The Belleville Public Library will guide accomplishment of our Mission and Vision by:

1. Being a warm and welcoming place for community members to gather.
2. Being actively engaged in the life of the community.
3. Employing a collaborative, creative, and positive staff focused on library users' interests and needs.
4. Being good stewards of the Belleville Public Library's financial and material resources.
5. Ensuring ready, equal, and equitable access to library materials.
6. Protecting confidentiality of library patron records.
7. Championing everyone's right to intellectual freedom.



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Scarborough Public Library

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Strategic Intent

Mission

The mission of the Scarborough Public Library is to provide access to a broad and deep collection and high quality services that promote lifelong learning in a welcoming, community-centered facility.

Vision

The Scarborough Public Library will be an innovative leader in implementing a variety of strategies to bring knowledge and promote learning opportunities for people of all ages.

Values

The Scarborough Public Library will:

- Be a vibrant spirited library that demands outstanding performance in all areas.
- Assist a broad population to access knowledge and information through diverse formats for both formal and independent education.
- Maintain a professional and highly skilled staff to assist with access to information and services.
- Use resources judiciously to provide a stimulating and welcoming atmosphere, and a variety of programs and spaces that serve as an anchor for the community.
- Serve as a proactive and courageous leader in the library community – keeping abreast of the latest technology while honoring and maintaining tradition.
- Engage and respectfully consult with community members to ensure that a broad population has a positive experience.

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Mission, Vision & Why Statement

Our Mission: Our mission statement reflects our commitment to the community.

The Hudson Area Public Library strengthens the community by providing information, inspiration, ideas, and a world of possibilities.

Our Vision: Our vision communicates what a successful future will look like.

The Hudson Area Public Library....

- Is a thriving community center for information, inspiration, and ideas that empower personal growth and provides a warm welcome gathering spaces that improves lives and connects the community;
- Is recognized as a leading resource for educational support, self-directed, lifelong learning opportunities and 21st century literacy;
- Is a cornerstone of family, cultural, and civic life in the community;
- Is a forward-thinking organization that believes in the potential of each employee and inspires and empowers them to succeed professionally.

Our Why Statement: Our why statement articulates why we exist.

We believe no matter where you are in life – regardless of age, income, learning ability, or political persuasion – the Library transforms and enriches lives.

Our Guiding Principles: To fulfill our mission and to attain our vision of success we adhere to these

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principles (core values).

Accountability: To our stakeholders, community partners, and library users.

Collaboration & Teamwork: As a staff, we collaborate and work together to provide excellent services and programming that inspires lifelong learning, promotes literacy, and builds a strong, vibrant community.

Community: We serve the Hudson Area community and provide a warm, welcoming place for all community members.

Excellence: We excel at providing excellent service to our community, at all times and in all circumstances.

Freedom: We provide open and free access to information and resources for all.

Honesty, Trust, Integrity, and Respect: We embrace these virtues in all aspects of service to the community, in stewardship of public and private funding, in customer service, and in our treatment of each other, our patrons, and our community stakeholders.

Innovative and Future Focused: We strive to focus on the future, and we embrace change and emerging technologies, explore new ideas and initiate changes to enhance our service to the community.

Lifelong Learning: We promote lifelong learning and provide dynamic opportunities for all.

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Our 2019 – 2021 Strategic Plan: A World of Possibilities
(<https://hudsonpubliclibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019-2021-HAPL-Strategic-Plan.pdf>)

Strategic Priorities:

1. Promote Educational Achievement, Literacy, and Lifelong Learning
2. Support Workforce and Economic Development

3. Create Innovative Library Spaces and Develop Dynamic Collections, Resources, and Enhanced Technology
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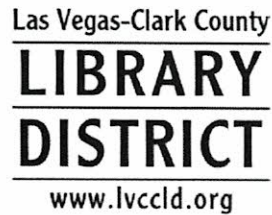
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Mission Statement

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District nurtures the social, economic, and educational well-being of people and communities. The District is committed to building communities of people who can come together to pursue their individual and group aspirations.

Values and Operating Principles

The District is guided by the principles of Public Librarianship and First Amendment Rights. The District protects library materials from censorship.

We seek innovative ways to:

- Respond and reach out to serve the current and evolving information needs of our diverse community.
- Create a sense of community by providing a welcoming, inviting, secure environment for our public and staff.
- Provide excellent customer service that is both timely and confidential.
- Develop a well-trained, knowledgeable, courteous and professional staff.
- Communicate with our public and staff to ensure vital, relevant and effective library services.
- Manage our resources effectively and be accountable to our funding sources.

We celebrate our accomplishments, learn from our mistakes and take pride in serving our community.

Adopted by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees on March 14, 2013. Revised and adopted on September 8, 2016.



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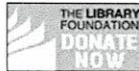
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Our Mission Statement

Our Mission

The Library's mission is to provide the people of Louisville and Jefferson County with the broadest possible access to knowledge, ideas and information, and to support them in their pursuit of learning.

Our Vision

It is the vision of the Commission that the Louisville Free Public Library will deliver library service on a par with the best public libraries in the U.S. We will provide:

Excellent library facilities conveniently accessible to all residents,

Strong and appealing collections of books and other materials,

Attentive and effective staff assistance for all readers and researchers,

Services, public programs and events that promote reading, convey valuable information and extend the value of the Library to its community,

Sophisticated information technology that advances the Library's mission, and

Hours of operation that respond to the busy lifestyles of today's families.

Our Values

We believe that **reading improves lives**,

That the library's chief purpose is to support the **individual pursuit of knowledge and life-long learning**,

That the library should be an institution for **civic exchange** and a **community forum for ideas**,

And that the bedrock of library service is a collection of **reliable published sources**, preserving the best from the past and keeping current with new discoveries.

We believe that literacy and the ability to learn are **basic tools of economic opportunity** and personal success.

We are **committed to children and youth**.

We **respect our patrons as individuals** and benefit from the diversity of cultures they represent.

We support the **wide range of the public's reading and research interests** as a reflection of that diversity.

We believe that the **freedom to read** whatever one chooses is a right as profound as free speech.

We protect the **privacy** of a person's use of the library as a sacred trust.

We take pride in our **responsiveness** to community needs and individual interests.

We strive for **equity of access** to library services across the entire community.

We **embrace electronic information sources** as new tools for extending the library's usefulness.

We believe that every branch library should be a **neighborhood anchor**, reflecting the culture of the surrounding residents and strengthening the community it serves.

We believe that every library building should **provide space and surroundings conducive to learning** as a reflection of the value our community places on education.

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LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

Our Mission & Vision

Our Mission ... is to connect people with information, ideas and experiences to support an enriched and engaged community, one person at a time.

Our Vision ... is that all Washoe County residents benefit from the Library's support of literacy and self-education.

Our Statement of Values

Learning and Literacy

We uphold lifelong learning as the core foundation of our service, and promote reading as a fundamental life skill.

Inclusiveness

We make enriching cultural and intellectual resources available to all.

Customer Service

We help meet the need of information services, while effectively addressing the range of literacy levels.

Community

We address the desire for self-directed personal growth and development opportunities.

Staff

We recruit and retain qualified employees, provide them with timely training and development opportunities, and recognize that they are our most valuable resource.

Fiscal Responsibility

We manage the human and financial resources entrusted to us in a cost-effective manner, and support only those facilities and services that are sustainable within the realities of our financial limits.

Adaptability

As a forward-thinking organization, we are responsive to our users' needs and interests, continuously adapting what we do and how we do it.

Collaboration

We believe in the power of coming together, and expand our impact in the community through appropriate partnerships with individuals, public and nonprofit agencies, educators, community groups and businesses.



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About

MISSION STATEMENT: We Open Doors for Curious Minds

OUR VALUES

We are guided by these shared values in everything we do:

- Compassion for our customers and for each other
- Passion for our product
- Eagerness to learn
- Everyone is creative
- Optimistic attitude – we believe that anything is possible

Anythink is your public library.

Whether you're curious about a topic or you're mastering a new skill, discover something new at your local Anythink.

Anythink serves the residents of Adams County, Colo., with seven branches in Bennett, Brighton, Commerce City, Thornton and the Perl Mack neighborhood of Denver. The library also offers outreach services through Anythink in Motion, the district's bookmobile which visits neighborhoods and communities throughout the county. With a focus on innovation, Anythink's award-winning approach to library service is recognized by industry leaders and organizations across the globe.

Anythink's vision is to be the catalyst for innovation in Adams County – a place where people are happy, healthy, safe and smart. We support lifelong learning for children, families, artists and

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entrepreneurs through hands-on programming, popular resources, and the one-on-one assistance of our dedicated staff.

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Maricopa County Library District

Mission

The Mission of the Library District is to provide access and services so residents experience an improved quality of life.

Vision

As the vibrant community front porch, we aspire to meet the changing needs of our diverse and connected residents.

Values

Discovery

We inspire curiosity in our customers.
We introduce customers to their next favorite thing.

Engagement

We deliver exceptional customer experiences.
We initiate community conversations.

Access

We provide access to technology, digital services and information.
We cultivate collections of timely, in-demand materials.

Community

We listen.
We ensure that each of our libraries is an integral part of its community.

Innovation

We embrace change.
We encourage creativity and adaptability.



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MISSION & VISION

Vision

Sacramento Public Library is the essential resource for our communities.

Mission

Sacramento Public Library inspires our communities to discover, learn and grow.

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