

POLICY TITLE: Library Roles

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A. The Board of Trustees adopted, in priority order, the roles of the Marshfield Public Library. The primary roles adopted are those of:

1. A POPULAR MATERIALS CENTER provides materials of recognized quality to persons of all ages for reading, viewing, and listening. The library features current, high-demand, high-interest materials in a variety of formats for persons of all ages.
2. A REFERENCE CENTER provides library users with convenient, timely access to information needed for daily living and decision-making. The library actively provides timely, accurate, and useful information for community area residents in their pursuit of job-related and personal interests. The library also promotes on-site, electronic and telephone reference/information services to aid users in locating needed information.
3. AN INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTER provides materials and services for adults to pursue such endeavors as citizenship education, cultural interests, job-related competencies, and self-improvement. The library supports individuals of all ages pursuing a sustained program of learning independent of any education provider.

B. As secondary priorities the library adopts the secondary, but still important roles of:

1. A PRESCHOOL CHILD'S DOOR TO LEARNING provides materials, child and parent services, and programs to enhance an interest in books and learning.
2. A FORMAL EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTER works closely with educational institutions in the Marshfield area to share resources and assist students with their library needs.

C. The library provides community meeting rooms, programs, and information, and assists patrons with their scholarly research through interlibrary loan service. However, the library roles of: COMMUNITY CENTER, COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTER, and SCHOLARLY RESEARCH CENTER, currently receive the lowest priority.