

APPENDIX 5 - ALA Statement of Professional Ethics

Staff and Trustees must provide the highest level of service to all library users through appropriate and usefully organized resources; equitable service policies; equitable access; and accurate, unbiased, and courteous responses to all requests.

Staff and Trustees must uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist all efforts to censor library resources.

Staff and Trustees must protect each library user's right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted.

Staff and Trustees must respect intellectual property rights and advocate balance between the interests of information users and rights holders.

Staff and Trustees must treat co-workers and other colleagues with respect, fairness, and good faith, and advocate conditions of employment that safeguard the rights and welfare of all employees of our institutions.

Staff and Trustees must not advance private interests at the expense of library users, colleagues, or our employing institutions.

Staff and Trustees must distinguish between personal convictions and professional duties and must not allow personal beliefs to interfere with fair representation of the aims of their institutions or the provision of access to their information resources.

Staff and Trustees must strive for excellence in the profession by maintaining and enhancing personal knowledge and skills, by encouraging the professional development of co-workers, and by fostering the aspirations of potential members of the profession.

Code of Ethics of the American Library Association

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