

General Objectives

The Hempstead Public Library provides, on equal terms, free service to all individuals who live, work, attend school, or own property in the Village of Hempstead. It accepts as its basic objectives the provision and servicing of expertly selected material which aid the individual in the pursuit of education, information, or research and in the creative use of leisure time. Since financial limitations generally prevent equal emphasis on all aspects of these objectives, the Library recognizes that its major concerns must be positive contributions toward the development of the individual as a citizen and the removal of ignorance, intolerance, and indifference.

The Library, recognizing its responsibility to develop adult citizens for whom the use of books and other media of communication is a necessary and natural part of intelligent living, provides special services for young people. It seeks to direct and stimulate young readers by making available expertly selected collections and skilled individuals and group guidance.

In provision of special services for children, the Library strives to guide the child toward a love of reading and an awareness of books as a means of satisfying his mental, emotional, and activity interests. To integrate this program the Library works closely with parents, schools, and other educational agencies, as well as with the children themselves.

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