



Freedom of Use

The Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association, article five, states:
“A person’s right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.”

This principle is a key component of the Library’s Mission Statement:

The Wethersfield Library’s mission is to provide a welcoming community gathering place with free and open access to resources and experiences that engage the imagination, inspire learning, and promote the exchange of ideas.

Accordingly, all Library users have free and open access to the Library, including but not limited to, all print and electronic materials, databases, computers, programs, and services, subject to the Library’s behavior and appropriate use policies.

While a person may reject certain resources or services for themselves and for their children, no person shall exercise censorship to restrict access by others. The Library does not act in loco parentis; responsibility for use of the Library and its resources rests with the parent or legal guardian. Any person who objects to any resource or service offered by the Library may submit a statement of concern.

For more information on the Library’s commitment to intellectual freedom the Library encourages patrons to review the following publications of the American Library Association: the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read Statement, and the Freedom to View Statement (included as Appendices A, B, and C).

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