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**SUMMARY**

This statement, authored by the American Library Association, is the basis of the Johnson County Library's ethical stance regarding collections and patron's rights.

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**LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS**

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

Basic policy

Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.

Represents All Views

Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

Censorship

Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

Alliances

Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.

Right to Use

A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

Exhibit and Meeting Space

Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

Right to Privacy and Confidentiality

All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

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