

Library and Information Professional Code of Ethics

SERVICE

We 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.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

We uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist all efforts to censor library resources.

IMPARTIALITY

We do not advance private interests at the expense of library users, colleagues, or our employing institutions

PROFESSIONALISM

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

PRIVACY

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

INTEGRITY

We 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

DEVELOPMENT

We respect intellectual property rights and advocate balance between the interests of information users and rights holders.

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