



ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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MENDOCINO - LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

LIBRARY AND LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES

The Mendocino College Library makes provides services and materials based on the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights" and the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) standards for Libraries and Learning Support Services.

As an integral part of the campus curriculum, the library provides the following:

- instruction on research and available resources for students and faculty, supporting information competency as well as course goals for research, writing and student success.
- some materials that promote recreational reading as a habit that leads to self-growth and participation in a democratic society.
- access to reference tools and other resources and programs for the larger community, making it a regional resource.
- Library and learning support services designed to promote student success across disciplines.

Librarians, administrators with oversight of the library, and library staff establish policies surrounding the operation of the library which are included in the library handbook which is made available to students, faculty, staff, and the local community in the library and is also available through the library website.

Library Bill of Rights

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

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people in the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. 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.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. 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.

References: Education Code Section 78100
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.B (*formerly 11.C*)
American Library Association, Library Bill of Rights