



North Grenville Public Library

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Recognizing that the North Grenville Public Library Board has a fundamental responsibility for upholding the principles of, as well as advocating for, intellectual freedom, this policy ensures the rights of individuals to access information.

1. It is the responsibility of the Board and library staff to do the following, while considering where there is the potential for harm to staff, patrons and the community:
 - a. ensure that library users have the fundamental right to have access to expressions of knowledge, creativity and intellectual activity, and to express their thoughts publicly
 - b. guarantee and facilitate access to expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity, including those which some elements of society may consider to be unconventional, unpopular or unacceptable
 - c. make available the library's public facilities and services to individuals and groups who need them
 - d. resist efforts to limit the exercise of these responsibilities, while recognizing the right of criticism by individuals and groups

2. The Board directs the Library CEO to ensure that the principles of intellectual freedom are integrated into all organizational policies, procedures and practices.

Signature of Chairperson: _____

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Related documents:

- Canadian Federation of Library Associations' *Statement on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries*
- Ontario Library Association's *Statement on Intellectual Freedom and the Intellectual Rights of the Individual*