



Vision and Values

The Vision of the Westport Public Library:

The Westport Public Library is a sanctuary for all that offers unrestricted access to information, programs and state of the art resources. It is a place for individual inquiry and collective learning, intellectual challenge and quiet reflection. The Westport Public Library offers enjoyable opportunities for dynamic social interaction and life-long learning that enrich the quality of life of each of its patrons, young and old alike, throughout each stage of their lives.

The Values of the Westport Public Library

The Library serves the community and each of its members according to their needs and interests.

The Library provides equal and unfettered access to all regardless of individual abilities or differences. The Library is responsive and non-judgmental in recognizing the diversity of the community it serves.

The Library provides a safe and modern facility that offers a welcoming environment for the community's intellectual and social engagement.

The Library respects the privacy and confidentiality of its patrons.

The Library maintains excellence in both the depth and breadth of its collections by continuously assessing the changing requirements of the community and by responding with innovative approaches supported by current technology.

The Library provides its staff with the training and with the opportunities for professional development necessary to keep services both relevant and excellent.

The Library is governed by sound financial management and oversight.

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