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Library Bill of Rights

The Lower Umpqua Library District agrees with the American Library Association with this policy and affirms that all the Lower Umpqua Library is a forum for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I. 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.
- II. The Lower Umpqua Library 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. The Lower Umpqua Library should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. The Lower Umpqua Library 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. The Lower Umpqua Library's exhibit spaces and meeting rooms will be available to the public they serve, and should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

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Note: This policy is based on a recommended policy from the American Library Association. Adopted June 19, 1939.

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inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996, by the ALA Council.