

## ***SMOKY LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY***

### **The Alberta Library Trustee Association**

#### ***Belief Statement***

The Alberta Library Trustees Association believes that library services are essential to the quality of Albertans and vital to the educational, economic, social, and cultural development of the province.

Adopted May 1992

#### ***Mission Statement***

The Alberta Library Trustees Association is the collective voice for Alberta library trustees and, through them, represents the interests of patron and supporters of public libraries. The Alberta Library Trustees Association promotes effective library service and leadership in communication and advocacy, and encourages trustee education and development.

Adopted May 1992

#### ***Code of Ethics***

Library Boards exist to develop, promote, and monitor library services as a public trust. To this end, library trustees should be committed to the following principles:

1. The primary goal of public library trustee is to ensure that the public has access to the highest quality of library services possible.
2. Trustees should ensure that each person has access to the most complete library service possible compatible with equal service for others. Where limitations in services are unavoidable, any inherent inequality of service should favour those residents least able to obtain alternate service.
3. Library Trustees should observe ethical standards with truth, integrity, and honour.
  - a) Trustees should avoid situations where personal advantages or financial benefits may be gained at the expense of other library users.
  - b) Trustees should distinguish between their personal views and those of the institution by respecting the position of the Board, even though they may disagree.
  - c) Trustees should respect the confidential nature of library records within the framework which allows for the monitoring of material usage and the needs for public accounting.

**The Alberta Library Trustee Association, *Code of Ethics*; page 2**

4. Trustees should respect the established structure of the library
    - a) Trustees should attempt to work harmoniously with the Board and ultimately accept it's will.
    - b) Trustees should limit their trusteeship role to governance and advocacy.
  5. Trustees are expected to take responsibility for their personal development through continuing education opportunities and participation in provincial and national library organizations.
  6. Trustees should support intellectual freedom in the selection of library material.
- Adopted May 1992