

### 3. LIBRARY MATERIALS

#### 3.1. Statement of Intellectual Freedom

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The Library strives to promote Intellectual Freedom among patrons through the materials they borrow and through the space that they share. The Library believes that:

*All persons in Canada have the fundamental right, as embodied in the nation's Bill of Rights and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, to have access to all expressions of knowledge, creativity and intellectual activity, and to express their thoughts publicly. This right to intellectual freedom, under the law, is essential to the health and development of Canadian society.*

- Libraries have a basic responsibility for the development and maintenance of intellectual freedom.
- It is the responsibility of libraries to guarantee and facilitate access to all expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity, including those, which some elements of society may consider to be unconventional, unpopular or unacceptable. To this end, libraries shall acquire and make available the widest variety of materials.
- It is the responsibility of libraries to guarantee the right of free expression by making available all the library's public facilities and services to all individuals and groups who need them.
- Libraries should resist all efforts to limit the exercise of these responsibilities while recognizing the right of criticism by individuals and groups.
- Both employees and employers in libraries have a duty, in addition to their institutional responsibilities, to uphold these principles.

#### 3.2. Resource Sharing

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##### ***The Libraries Act Regulation 7 (2)(c):***

*Resource sharing including participation in a provincial resource sharing network and the conditions that apply to the acquisition of library resources and information from other sources including inter-library loans and information in electronic databases.*

The Board participates in the Provincial Resource Sharing Network by the partnerships listed below and therefore shall abide by the rules and procedures outlined by all.

- Northern Lights Library System
- Alberta Public Libraries Electronic Network (APLEN)
- ME Libraries
- The Alberta Library (TAL)

The Board participates in the provincial resource sharing network and the System/Node as outlined in the Provincial Resource Sharing Network Guidelines

- The Board will not charge another member library for the inter-library loan service.
- The Board publicizes the interlibrary loan, APLEN and ME/TAL card services to patrons

through newspaper articles, posters and brochures, presentation to groups and organizations, and displays within the community.

Training of staff in resource sharing is the responsibility of the Board through the Northern Lights Library System and shall be carried out through a combination of on-site visits, workshops, memo, procedures manuals, and conferences.