



Partnerships and Community Involvement

The Joliet Public Library recognizes the responsibility it has to the community it serves and will strive to be aware of and responsive to the needs of the entire spectrum of its users by forming and sustaining partnerships with area businesses, organizations, and agencies. Partnerships with public and private agencies will be established with the intent of:

1. promoting understanding and support for the Library and its programs and services,
2. supporting the mission and goals of the Library, and/or
3. promoting the use of the Library as a public resource.

Partnerships may take the form of active collaboration with the Library to provide programs or services, financial support or contributions of services or items that will aid the Library in providing programs or services, or any mutually beneficial exchange that furthers the goals of the Library and the partner agency. Any agency that partners with the Library must respect the Library's commitment to intellectual freedom and have goals that are compatible with the mission of the Library. The Library will develop each partnership on an individual basis and reserves the right to cancel an existing partnership with an organization that uses the Library's name without prior consent or develops a public image incompatible with the Library's services or objectives.

The Library may participate in fundraising and other collection activities in partnership with organizations by providing limited space within its facilities if space is available without hindering public service activities. The organization must provide services to the residents of Joliet and have goals that are compatible with the mission of the Library. Publicity of the activity shall not be the responsibility of the Library, and the Library will not assume responsibility for the maintenance or transportation of the collections.

The Library will encourage and facilitate the Board of Trustees and designated staff to be active members of the community on behalf of the Library by supporting their participation in community organizations and attendance at community events.

As a tax supported organization with a specific mission of providing library services to the residents of Joliet, the Library should not contribute monetarily to school, church, fraternal, or other civic groups for fund drives. The Library may, however, buy ads or make direct contributions if an ancillary benefit for Library programs or services clearly exists.