

MISSION STATEMENT

The Board of Trustees of Neill Public Library affirms the right of all citizens to have free and complete access to this free public library because the Board believes it is essential to the intellectual, emotional and economic health and well-being of this area.

The Board therefore feels that the mission of this library is to provide an open and non-judgmental environment in which individuals may freely avail themselves of the widest possible variety of ideas, information and opinions. To achieve this, the library collection and services must be freely available to all members of the community.

The Board subscribes to the ideas enunciated by the American Library Association (ALA) in the Library Bill of Rights¹, by the ALA and the Association of American Publishers (AAP) in the Freedom to Read Statement², and by the ALA and the American Film and Video Association (AFVA) in the Freedom to View Policy³.

Adopted by the Neill Public Library, Board of Trustees, January 1983.

Revised March 6, 1986; amended December 14, 1989.

Revision to appendices (Freedom to View Policy) adopted August 12, 1998.

Revision to appendices (Freedom to Read Statement) adopted April 11, 2001

VISION STATEMENT

Neill Public Library is a gateway to the world of knowledge providing free access to ideas, information and the richness of human culture. The library offers a stimulating, safe environment for discovery and exploration as well as a beautiful, comfortable setting for reading and relaxation.

The library affirms its historic commitment to young people while encouraging literacy and love of learning in all. In the heart of downtown Pullman, the library is a vibrant community center welcoming people with diverse interests, abilities and backgrounds.

The library staff commits to excellence in service based on community needs. In collaboration with other libraries and community organizations we creatively develop service options and integrate emerging technologies. As a key asset to the community, the library appreciates sustained support from its many patrons, the Friends of the Library and the City of Pullman.

¹ Adopted June 18, 1948. Amended February 2, 1961; and January 23, 1980, by the American Library Association Council.

² Adopted June 25, 1953. Revised January 28, 1972, January 16, 1991 and July, 2001 by the ALA Council and the AAP Freedom to Read Committee.

³ Adopted by the AFVA Board of Directors, February 1979, and endorsed by the ALA Council, June 1979. Updated and approved by the AFVA, 1989, and endorsed by the ALA Council, January 10, 1990.