

Mission, Vision and Values

1. Mission

The Library provides free and equitable access to library services.

The Library preserves and promotes universal access to a broad range of knowledge, experience, information and ideas in a welcoming and supportive environment. New technologies extend access to global information beyond the Library walls.

1.1. Definitions

“Library” shall mean The St. Marys Public Library

2. Vision

The Library encourages the spirit of exploration, the joy of reading and the pursuit of knowledge for people of all ages and backgrounds, beginning with the very young.

At the cornerstone of our communities, our Library connects people to each other, to their communities, and to their hopes and dreams.

The Library treasures the past and works to create a future that is full of possibilities.

The Library promotes and enriches the democratic, cultural, educational and economic life of our diverse and evolving municipalities.

3. Values

Stewardship and Accountability: Managing our resources effectively and responsibly toward a sustainable future

Creativity: Encouraging innovation

Accessibility: Ensuring equitable and fair access to services, information and facilities

Respect and Integrity: Valuing individual needs, experiences and differences and conducting ourselves in an ethical and professional manner

Community Relations: Providing quality services that meet the needs of the greater community

Intellectual Freedom: encouraging the free exchange of information and ideas

Literacy and Lifelong Learning: Enriching lives through the joys of reading and continuous learning

Teamwork: fostering a work culture that advocates cooperation, communication, respect

and training

History

Date of Latest Board Approval: June 2014

Date(s) of Revision(s): May 2014 (format change only), March 2006

Date of next scheduled review: June 2017