

Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library

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A public library is the principle means whereby the record of humanity's thoughts, ideas and the expressions of its creative imagination are made freely available to all. As such, public libraries are a vital and necessary public service agency and a community's knowledge and information centre.

The NOTL Public Library's mission statement articulates those values and the board and staff's shared understanding of the purpose of the library and whom it serves. It also inspires those who work on behalf of the library and provides a compass for action. This policy ensures the mission statement remains relevant and central to the NOTL Public Library's operations.

1. The mission statement is used as a decision-making framework for the board and staff. All strategic decisions of the board need to support the mission.
2. The mission statement is developed, reviewed and/or revised by the board as part of the planning cycle.
3. The mission statement must be:
 - a. Short, clear and concise
 - b. Relevant to the library's direction
 - c. Easily understood by people both inside and outside the library
 - d. A guide to the decisions and actions of board and staff

NOTL Public Library Mission Statement

The NOTL Public Library is a team of professional staff and community volunteers committed to enriching the community by providing access to the world's ideas and information.

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Further interpretation of this policy is the responsibility of the CEO and the NOTL Public Library Board. The Board reserves the right to make, modify, revoke, suspend, terminate or change any policy or procedure, in whole or in part, at any time.