

EPSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICIES

GENERAL PURPOSE

- A. To operate this library in accordance with the New Hampshire Library Laws and strive to meet the current standards set by the American Library Association and the New Hampshire Statewide Library Development System.

- B. To adhere to the American Library Association (ALA) Library Bill of Rights (Appendix A) and “Freedom to Read” statement (Appendix B).

- C. To offer exhibits and programs for the community.

- D. To cooperate with the district school library and other libraries in the Statewide Library Development System to strengthen its own services and resources and, in turn, the state’s library system.

MISSION STATEMENT

- A. The mission of the library is to promote the development of well-informed and literate citizens through open access to cultural, intellectual and information resources. The library functions as a community meeting place. The library is the most reliable source of understanding about our community’s past, present and future.

WHO MAY USE THE LIBRARY

- A. The library will serve all residents of the town of Epsom. Persons residing outside the geographical area but owning property or employed in Epsom may use

the library. Non-residents may obtain a card for an annual fee. Current fees are available at the circulation desk and on the library website.

B. Residents receive a card for two years; non-residents receive a card for one year.

C. Non-resident students attending school in the town of Epsom may obtain a card at no charge, for their use only, for the school year.

D. Use of the library or its services may be denied by the Library Director or Trustees for due cause. Such cause may be failure to return library material or to pay penalties, destruction of library property, disturbance of other patrons, or any other objectionable conduct on library premises.

E. The use of the library meeting room by any non-profit organization may be permitted at the discretion of the Library Director and/or Trustees, subject to the regulations pertaining to its use. Reservations for the use of the library shall be made with the Library Director or staff, if the Director is not available.

1. Programs scheduled by the Epsom Public Library shall be considered first meeting room reservations.
2. Any non-profit organization using the library shall be responsible for leaving the premises as found; a janitorial fee may be charged if necessary.
3. No admission fee shall be charged for any program held in the library.