

Mission Statement and Philosophy of Service

The mission of the Patchogue-Medford Library is to provide resources and opportunities to empower, educate and entertain the community. The Patchogue-Medford Library is committed to providing quality library service. To aid in achieving this, the Library embraces the following philosophies and recognizes that working consistently towards them is necessary to achieving our mission:

- The Patchogue-Medford Library is committed to intellectual freedom. Individuals are responsible for making their own choices regarding appropriateness of materials, and parents/guardians are responsible for the choices they make for their children.
- The Patchogue-Medford Library is committed to fostering a community center in which all community members can realize their full potential. To this end, we respect diversity, equity and inclusion and seek to represent these values in our collections, programs, services and staff.
- The Patchogue-Medford Library is committed to providing library services at no charge.
- The Patchogue-Medford Library is committed to supporting formal education and fostering lifelong learning.
- The Patchogue-Medford Library views technology as a means to achieving greater accessibility to information and providing effective service. The Library is committed to providing training and educational opportunities in the use of these new technologies.
- The Patchogue-Medford Library is committed to maintaining and developing cooperative relationships and partnerships with community organizations.
- The Patchogue-Medford Library is committed to its role as the Central Library for Suffolk County and to facilitating quality library service for all the member libraries of the Suffolk Cooperative Library system.

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