

NEW BEDFORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Statement of Policies, Rules and Regulations

2015

Library Mission

The mission of the New Bedford Free Public Library is to provide materials and services to help community residents obtain information meeting their personal, educational, cultural and professional needs. The Library places special emphasis on supporting students at all academic levels and on stimulating young children's interest in and appreciation for reading and learning.

The New Bedford Free Public Library is dedicated to making the City of New Bedford a rewarding, attractive and pleasant place in which to live, visit and work.

To accomplish our mission and the above stated expectations, the Library is responsible for establishing rules of conduct to protect the rights and safety of Library patrons, volunteers and staff and to preserve and protect the Library's materials, equipment, facilities and grounds.

The New Bedford Free Public Library supports the rights of all individuals to:

- Use the library without discrimination
- Receive friendly, courteous and respectful service
- Have free and equal access to information
- Have a clean, comfortable and pleasant environment
- Use the library undisturbed without threat of harm, invasion of property, or interference

Adopted by the Board of Library Trustees
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