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AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Auburn Public Library is to ensure that its patrons have the right and means to free and open access to ideas and information which are fundamental to a democracy. The library will protect intellectual freedom, promote literacy, encourage lifelong learning, and provide library materials and information services. The library will strive to meet the needs of all patrons without regard to age, race, sex, or any other discriminating factors.

The Library will attempt to meet the needs of the community through the following means:

- A. The Library will acquire books and other materials to meet the needs and demands of the community and make them equally available to all residents.
- B. The Library will organize these materials and guide the community in their use.
- C. The Library will inform the community of library services available beyond the local library itself. The Library will participate in the State Library of Iowa programs Open Access (allowing card holders to use their local library card at virtually any library statewide) and Access Plus (making our local collection available to patrons of other libraries through Inter-Library Loan). Patrons will be assisted in requesting titles not held locally through Inter-Library Loan. The Library will work to develop a direct link with remote libraries through the computer via the SILO (State of Iowa Libraries On-Line) project or some other.
- D. The Library will work to improve access to local materials through a computerized on-line catalog and to provide other computer resources for reference purposes.
- E. The Library will work to develop public understanding and support of the library and its role in the community.
- F. The Library will provide a Summer Reading Program for children each year.
- G. Technology Vision Statement: The people of Auburn and the surrounding community will have convenient access to electronic information resources through proven technology and telecommunications. In the virtual and physical

libraries, our role will be to provide value-added products and services which guide and direct patrons to excellent sources of electronic information. Patrons will be assisted by trained staff that can help them make the best use of both new and traditional information resources. Staff will be supported by as much up-to-date technology as the budget can provide, to ensure quality services that are efficient and cost-effective.