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Public Library Manifesto

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The public library creates conditions for:

- the development of a democratic society and active citizenship
- lifelong learning, independent decision and cultural development of the individual and social groups

It is:

- the local information centre
- a creator of community

It provides all citizens with:

- equal and free access to library funds and services
- access to information of all types
- services in library premises, including remote access

It provides people with specific needs:

- special services and documents

Supports:

- formal and informal education
- reading, media, information and digital literacy
- personal development, creativity, cultural diversity
- creation and sharing of knowledge
- open access to scientific knowledge
- preserving and making cultural heritage available

Not subject to:

- censorship
- commercial pressures

It is:

- financed from public funds
- well located and equipped
- sufficiently staffed and materially provided
- professionally managed
- incorporated into relevant legislation and long-term strategies

Let's support the development of public libraries and the national network of libraries!

