

The Charles F. Curry Library maintains a high level of service to the William Jewell Community and its constituents through providing timely access to all information mediated through its services. Resources in print and digital format are curated and evaluated on a continuous basis to fulfill the scholarly missions and activities of its patrons.

The Charles F. Curry Library adheres to the American Libraries Association Core Values of Librarianship for its governance of the Principles of Information Delivery and the fundamental tenets of the professional practice of librarianship. The governing policies below are excerpted from the [American Libraries Association Policy Manual](#) (ALA Council, June 29, 2004).

Access

All information resources that are provided directly or indirectly by the library, regardless of technology, format, or methods of delivery, should be readily, equally, and equitably accessible to all library users.

ALA Policy Manual 53.1.14 (Free Access to Information)

Confidentiality/Privacy

Protecting user privacy and confidentiality is necessary for intellectual freedom and fundamental to the ethics and practice of librarianship.

ALA Policy Manual 53.1.16 (Library Bill of Rights)

Democracy

A democracy presupposes an informed citizenry. The First Amendment mandates the right of all persons to free expression, and the corollary right to receive the constitutionally protected expression of others. The publicly supported library provides free and equal access to information for all people of the community the library serves.

Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights, Economic Barriers to Information Access.

Diversity

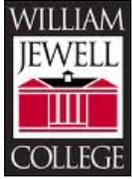
We value our nation's diversity and strive to reflect that diversity by providing a full spectrum of resources and services to the communities we serve.

ALA Policy Manual 53.8 (Libraries: An American Value)

Education and Lifelong Learning

ALA promotes the creation, maintenance, and enhancement of a learning society, encouraging its members to work with educators, government officials, and organizations in coalitions to initiate and support comprehensive efforts to ensure that school, public, academic, and special libraries in every community cooperate to provide lifelong learning services to all.

ALA Policy Manual 1.1 (Mission, Priority Areas, Goals)



Intellectual Freedom

We uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist all efforts to censor library resources.

ALA Policy Manual, B.9.16 (ALA Code of Ethics, Article II)

The Public Good

ALA reaffirms the following fundamental values of libraries in the context of discussing outsourcing and privatization of library services. These values include that libraries are an essential public good and are fundamental institutions in democratic societies.

1998-99 CD#24.1, Motion #1

Preservation

The Association supports the preservation of information published in all media and formats. The association affirms that the preservation of information resources is central to libraries and librarianship.

ALA Policy Manual 52.2.1 (Preservation Policy)

Professionalism

The American Library Association supports the provision of library services by professionally qualified personnel who have been educated in graduate programs within institutions of higher education. It is of vital importance that there be professional education available to meet the social needs and goals of library services.

ALA Policy Manual 56.1 (Graduate Programs in Library Education)

Service

We provide the highest level of service to all library users ...We strive for excellence in the profession by maintaining and enhancing our own knowledge and skills, by encouraging the professional development of co-workers, and by fostering the aspirations of potential members of the profession.

ALA Policy Manual 54.16 (Statement of Professional Ethics)

Social Responsibility

ALA recognizes its broad social responsibilities. The broad social responsibilities of the American Library Association are defined in terms of the contribution that librarianship can make in ameliorating or solving the critical problems of society; support for efforts to help inform and educate the people of the United States on these problems and to encourage them to examine the many views on and the facts regarding each problem; and the willingness of ALA to take a position on current critical issues with the relationship to libraries and library service set forth in the position statement.

ALA Policy Manual, 1.1 (Mission, Priority Areas, Goals)