

## **STATEMENT OF POLICY OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES SMYRNA PUBLIC LIBRARY, SMYRNA, NEW YORK 13464**

and

The chief objective of the Smyrna Public Library is to see that the Town and Village of Smyrna is provided with an effective, expanding free public library service now, and to lead the citizens in anticipating their future needs for library service. We believe the library can create its own future, provided its membership preserve a young and vigorous approach and choose with discrimination its policies and leadership.

We believe that the general objectives and functions of a public library are as stated:

1. To serve the community as a general center of reliable information; rep 2. To provide opportunity and encouragement for people of all ages to educate themselves continuously;
3. To assemble, preserve, organize and administer collections of books and other materials possessing cultural, educational and informational value;
- Am 4. To promote the public use of library materials and current computer technology through active stimulation, guidance and assistance.

Maximum realization of these objectives can best be obtained through adherence to the following specifics:

1. Service to the public, first, last and foremost, shown by effort and attitude;
2. Expertly selected books and other materials, including records, films, and works of art, chosen for their value in the development and enrichment of the human spirit and their contribution to the general knowledge and educational value to the community;
3. Cooperation with groups and agencies in the community in stimulating educational and cultural activities;
4. Membership in the Four County Library System;
5. A high degree of accuracy in records and information;
6. A strong public relations program;
7. Careful observance of professional ethics in relations between board and librarian;
8. Continuing reappraisal of the effectiveness of services, collection and physical facilities; exploration of new methods and improvements for better service.