

Scranton Public Library

Vision Statement

The Scranton Public Library envisions a future in which everyone, regardless of age, background, circumstances, race, religion, ethnicity, education, orientation, or personal beliefs, has the means, through the library, to access, free-of charge and without restriction, knowledge and information needed to meet their aspirations and attain a sense of fulfillment.

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Mission Statement

The Scranton Public Library enhances our community by fostering and supporting individual aspirations toward life-long learning, entertainment, and self-fulfillment for all. This is accomplished through free access, wherever it is needed, to a broad collection of resources in currently-used formats, courteous and knowledgeable staff, and activities designed to satisfy the informational, educational, recreational, and personal needs of everyone in our ever-changing and diverse environment.

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Values Statements

- Encourages creative, diverse, and imaginative ideas and actions and facilitates the joy of learning by supplying tools of discovery and investigation;
- Furnishes welcoming and inclusive physical and virtual spaces for the benefit of all;
- Creates a supportive employment environment that fosters a professional, caring, dedicated, friendly, creative, and knowledgeable staff;
- Provides the means to advance literacy, inclusiveness, and social awareness throughout the community thereby fulfilling John J. Albright's vision of "the elevation of the people of all classes" and, by extension, of all generations, backgrounds, circumstances, races, religions, ethnic groups, orientations, and beliefs;
- Partners with community agencies, organizations, institutions, and entities for the benefit of the community;
- Values and respects patron privacy and confidentiality;

- Supports intellectual freedom by demonstrating neutrality and lack of bias when allocating resources and curating content;
- Collaborates with other cultural heritage organizations to preserve the history of all cultures in the area now known as Lackawanna County.

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