

Whitman County Rural Library District

Policy, Mission, and Values Statements

Policy Statement

The Whitman County Library Board of Trustees sets forth as a primary goal the basic tenets of the Library Bill of Rights (Appendix A) and the Freedom to Read Statement (Appendix B).

Mission Statement

The mission of Whitman County Rural Library is to be our community's #1 resource for information, recreation, discovery.

Values Statement

- Intellectual freedom
- Equal access for all
- Respect for diversity
- Personal and organizational accountability
- Providing services, technologies, and library materials based on the needs and desires of the community
- Individual pursuit of learning as an informed citizenry is the foundation of a democratic society
- Basic literacy and information literacy as critical life skills in our every-changing world
- Reading as a means to education, enlightenment and enjoyment
- The library as a social and information commons
- Helpful, friendly service
- Collaboration and partnerships with public, private and library organizations.
- Cooperation, collaboration and partnerships with area residents, businesses, libraries, and public and private agencies and organizations
- Fiscal and professional responsibility

Service Roles defined for Whitman County Rural Library by the Strategic Plan are:

- Heart of the community
- Popular materials focus
- Center for lifelong learning
- Access to information and community referral
- Community development

Please see the "Whitman County Rural Library District: Strategies for the Future, 2016 and Beyond" for goals, objectives, and development of strategic plan.