

Northwestern Connecticut Community College Library

Mission and Philosophy Statement

The mission of the Northwestern Library is to fulfill the information needs of the College's students and staff, to assist in developing the research skills of its students, and to serve as a library resource for the residents of northwestern Connecticut. The mission is fulfilled by the following:

- The Library's resources are available to anyone who wishes to use them. Students, staff, and community members may borrow materials. The library staff does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, disabilities, background, or views, and all information requests will be answered, regardless of the nature of the information sought. The staff adheres to the Code of Ethics adopted by the American Library Association in 1995. (see attached)
- The Library staff provides services through reference, referral, and interlibrary cooperation and through orientation and bibliographic instruction to individuals and classes. The Library also attempts to make available to its patrons current technologies to assist in their research. The staff makes every effort to ensure that patrons have the information they need immediately or in a timely manner.
- The Library subscribes to the Intellectual Freedom Policies of the American Library Association, the Library Bill of Rights adopted in 1980, and the Freedom to Read Statement, a joint statement adopted by the American Library Association and the Association of American Publishers (unanimously endorsed by the Professional Staff, December 7, 1995).
- Except for certain materials placed on reserve for specific classes, the Library does not restrict access to any materials for any reason.
- The staff aims to provide a pleasant, welcoming, and comfortable environment that is conducive to study.