



**Salem Free Public Library**  
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## **Mission Statement**

The Salem Free Public Library improves the quality of life for the public by providing resources that build a sense of community and contribute to individual knowledge, enlightenment, and enjoyment.

## **Statement of Policy**

- The Salem Free Public Library exists in order that it may maintain, for the use of the community, educational, recreational, and informational materials assembled in organized collections.
- The Library's goal is to provide the best materials for the largest number at the lowest cost.
- It is the responsibility of the Library to provide materials for people of all ages, and to give guidance in their use.
- Its operation is in the hands of the Salem Free Public Library's elected Board of Directors, and its support is primarily from public funds. Therefore, it must function as a public agency to merit continuing taxpayer support.

## **Board of Directors**

The principal functions of the Library Board of Directors are as follows:

- Determine library policies appropriate to the needs of the community and to reexamine them periodically.
- Appoint, subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen, a qualified librarian to direct the activities of the library.
- Evaluate the Head Librarian.
- Approve the budget (subject to final approval by the Board of Finance) and the expenditures of the Library's funds.
- Attend all Board meetings and see that accurate records are kept.
- Regularly inform other governing boards and the citizens of Salem.

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