CODE OF ETHICS

1. Librarians should provide the highest level of service to all library users through appropriate and usefully organized resources; equitable service policies; equitable access; and accurate, unbiased, and courteous responses to all requests.

2. Librarians should uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist all efforts to censor library resources.

3. Librarians should protect each library user’s right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted.

4. Librarians should recognize and respect intellectual property rights.

5. Librarians should treat co-workers and other colleagues with respect, fairness and good faith, and advocate conditions of employment that safeguard the rights and welfare of all employees of our institutions.

6. Librarians should not advance private interests at the expense of library users, colleagues, or their employing institutions.

7. Librarians should distinguish between our personal convictions and professional duties and not allow our personal beliefs to interfere with fair representation of the aims of our institutions or the provision of access to their information resources.

8. Librarians should strive for excellence in the profession by maintaining and enhancing our own knowledge and skills, by encouraging the professional development of co-workers, and by fostering the aspirations of potential members of the profession.

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