

Advocacy, Diversity, and Leadership: How Libraries Empower Communities



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**Diversity
Career Development
Engagement and Outreach**

Advocacy
Information Policy
Professional and Leadership Development

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“To provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.”

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freedom

knowledge

information

community

learning

reading

adventure

education

literacy

peaceful

equality
power
lives

enlightenment
relaxation

self-determination
everyone

leisure
asterix

advancement
good
necessity

liberation

future
access
country
totally

escape
affordable
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aspiration
creativity
welcome
obelisk
work
civilisation
civlized
warmth
exciting
entertainment

free
sanctuary
invaluable
childhood
internet
mad

discovery
escaping

sharing

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LIBRARY

A large, illuminated sign spelling "LIBRARY" in white, block letters is mounted on a teal-colored building facade. The sign is lit up, and the letters are mounted on a dark track with spotlights. The building's facade is made of teal-colored panels. The sky is a clear, dark blue.

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