

Somerset County Library System – Policy Manual

CHAPTER IV - OPERATION OF THE LIBRARY SYSTEM

E. Access to Library Materials, Services and Facilities

- A. The goal of the Somerset County Library System is to provide information, materials and services to meet the wide range of needs of all its patrons. The library endeavors to support the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights. Access to all library materials, services and facilities will be provided to all patrons regardless of origin, age, background or views.
- B. SCLSNJ shall make reasonable accommodations to provide service to patrons with disabilities and will encourage local governments to make their library buildings accessible to everyone.
- C. All individuals are responsible for the selection of the materials they use; parents are encouraged to participate in their children's selections. The library shall permit children access to all materials, services and facilities.
- D. In the interest of preserving fragile or unique materials and making standard reference sources available to all users, some materials do not circulate and must be used in the library. In most cases photocopying of materials that do not circulate is permitted, however, individual branches may choose to prohibit photocopying of certain materials from their collections. Researchers are encouraged to consult with the library staff about the accessibility of materials they plan to use.

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