

MARSHALL-LYON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD POLICY		104
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The Marshall-Lyon County Library and its Board support the American Library Association's (ALA) Bill of Rights, which provides the foundation for open and equal access to the Library Services, Programs and other resources. The following guides the Library and its Board in all public policies and interpretations:

1. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
2. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting various points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
3. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
4. Libraries should resist abridgement of free expression and free access to ideas.
5. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
6. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

For more information and a history of the ALA Library Bill of Rights, please refer to <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedome/librarybill>.