



NJLA Statement on Volunteers in Public Libraries

Public libraries provide essential services to the community; the use of volunteers enables libraries to maintain and even enhance these services. It is imperative, however, that all key functions of the public library be staffed by people with the appropriate level of professional or paraprofessional education and training. There is a place for volunteers in areas of library operations, but no volunteer should ever be put in charge of a library function that involves fiscal, confidentiality, or liability issues. Volunteers should not be regarded as a solution to budgetary deficits.

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