

Library Mission Statement – Current

The purpose of the Iowa City Community School District library program is to enable all students to be effective users of information and to appreciate and enjoy literature and other creative expressions of information.

Library Mission Statement – Revision 1

The mission of the Iowa City Community School District library program is to provide an inviting, dynamic learning environment that equips students with life-long learning skills and instills an appreciation for literature and offers services that support and enhance teaching, learning and literacy.

Library Mission Statement – Revision 2

The mission of the Iowa City Community School District library program is to cultivate an inviting, rigorous, dynamic learning environment that equips students to become responsible independent learners, and offers services that support and enhance teaching, learning, and literacy.

Library Mission Statement – Revision 3

The mission of the Iowa City Community School District library program is to provide an engaging, dynamic instructional program delivered in an inviting environment that optimizes services to support and enhance teaching, learning, and literacy.

Comments – Suggestions

- Describe the **teaching** role first
- Terms to include
 - **instructional program;**
 - **collaborative;**
 - **services**
 - **support**—for teaching and learning
 - **literacy**—should include this critical word

Current Philosophy	Belief Statements
<p>We believe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that independent, life-long learning is the ultimate goal of schools in our society, and that the library program is vital to creating independent learners • that promoting reading for enjoyment and information is a key element of the library media program • that all children have the right to equal access to literature, information and information technologies • that educational goals are best achieved through the collaboration of an instructional team which includes a teacher librarian • that the teacher librarian is an instructional leader in the building with expertise in literature, resources and technology • that the Information Literacy Curriculum must be integrated with other curricular areas • that the diverse needs of students demand that learning resources in many formats are available • that a well-organized, centralized collection of materials in many formats is essential to resource-based instruction • that libraries are essential to the functioning of a democratic society 	<p>Consider adding or strengthening...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that communication with stakeholders regarding library program needs, accomplishments and plans is necessary • ensuring computer skills, research projects, collaborative planning • that librarians have a role in teaching reading strategies (making connections, predicting questioning, visualizing, comprehension strategies) • that librarians have a role in literacy-reading, writing, speaking, viewing, listening. • that the diverse learning styles and students needs demand that resources are available...or that many formats are necessary to meet the diverse needs of students • independent, informed, responsible learners • reword so that each statement begins with an action verb—stronger • welcoming environment--learner-centered • support/promote student achievement • promotes critical thinking • connections to learning outside the school walls