



PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

The Petersburgh Public Library is a small library with limited funds serving a rural population. Patrons utilize the library primarily for recreational reading and viewing and to obtain information about hobbies and special interests, rather than for formal research. However, since local school libraries are not extensive, and major libraries are a distance away, school-aged children rely upon the library as well for resources to complete assigned papers, reports, and projects.

The Petersburgh Public Library seeks primarily:

1. to meet the interests of all patrons by providing popular fiction and non-fiction reading material in both print and electronic format, as well as e-readers, audio books, music CDs, and high-interest movies.
2. to meet the educational needs of elementary and secondary students by providing materials that supplement the holdings of school libraries in non-fiction fields, focusing on areas covered by New York state curriculum guidelines.
3. to make free computer use and access to internet research resources available to the community, and to provide training in new reading and research technologies.

In addition, when time and funds permit, the library seeks also:

1. to provide educational and recreational programming of interest to various segments of the community.
2. to serve as a welcoming, informal community gathering spot; a source of information about community organizations, events, and services; and a place where residents can connect with others.

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