I’ve signed the declaration. Have you?

LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES

Declaration for the Right to Libraries

In the spirit of the United States Declaration of Independence and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we believe that libraries are essential to a democratic society. Every day, in communities across our nation and the world, millions of children, students and adults use libraries to learn, grow and achieve their dreams. In addition to a vast array of books, computers and other resources, library users benefit from the expert teaching and guidance of librarians and librarians help expand their minds and open new worlds. We declare and affirm our right to quality public, school, academic, and special libraries and urge you to show your support by signing you.

LIBRARIES EMPower THE INDIVIDUAL

Whether developing skills or recent to school, looking for a job, exploring possible careers, having a late retirement, people of all ages turn to libraries for information, support, and access to computers and other-

LIBRARIES SUPPORT LITERACY AND LIFELONG LEarning.

Many children and adults learn or send at their school and public libraries via many times to help them answer their questions, discover new interests, and share their ideas. to help them answer their questions, discover new interests, and share their ideas.

LIBRARIES STRENGTHEn FAMILIES.

Families find a comfortable, welcoming space and a wealth of resources to help them learn.

LIBRARIES ARE THE GREAT EQUALIZER.

Libraries serve people of every age, education level, income level, ethnicity and physical ability. They provide resources that could not otherwise afford — resources they need to live.

LIBRARIES BUILD COMMUNITIES.

Libraries bring people together, build on and other, to make connections and to

LIBRARIES PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO KNOW.

Our right to read, seek information, and speak freely must not be taken for granted. We defend this most basic freedom as guaranteed by the First

LIBRARIES STRENGTHEN OUR NATION.

A strong, successful democracy on our nation depends on people’s

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ALA American Library Association
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Libraries strengthen our nation.

Libraries advance research and scholarship.

Libraries help us to better understand each other.

Libraries preserve our nation's cultural heritage.