

Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library
Mission Statement Service Policy

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees 04/24/2024

Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Jesse Smith Library is to serve as a full-service public library providing access to a wide variety of materials and services to meet the educational, informational and recreational needs of the community.

Library Vision Statement

The slogan of our library is “Cornerstone of the Community.” The library strives to be an integral and vibrant center for our community. The Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library will continue to provide access to diverse materials, services and programs in an atmosphere which encourages the free flow of ideas to educate, entertain, enrich and inform the residents of the Town of Burrillville. The library will continue to serve as the community's principle resource for reference, and special emphasis will continue to be placed on supporting students at all academic levels and on stimulating the interests of young children to develop an appreciation for reading and learning. The library will continue to strive to acquire up to date technology that will allow patrons access to the latest in educational, informational and recreational services.

Service Policy

The Jesse Smith Library provides service to all within the context of library objectives, regardless of age, race, creed, color, occupation, or financial position.

As a member of Ocean State Libraries (OSL), the Jesse Smith Library will also provide circulation service to any holder of valid OSL card in good standing, and will register any Rhode Island citizen for an OSL card upon the applicant presenting appropriate identification.

Individuals not residing in Rhode Island may apply for a library card, which shall be valid only at Jesse Smith Library for a fee of \$25. Those non-residents who wish a full-service OSL card may obtain one upon payment in accordance to the OSL fee policy.

Any individual may make in-house use of materials at the Jesse Smith Library and will be provided with appropriate telephone and on-site reference service regardless of place of residence or card-holder status.

Jesse Smith Library is a member of the Library of Rhode Island (LORI) and will actively participate in the state-wide interlibrary loan (ILL) service. The library will provide OSL card holders in good standing with the opportunity to request materials not

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held locally; will make its collections available for access via the OSL catalog database and will make most materials available for loan to individuals and institutions outside the local community.

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