**Mission and Goal Statements**

A. The mission of the Cedar County Library District is to assure excellence in providing both technological and written resources for its citizens.

B. The general library goals of the Cedar County Library District shall be:

1. To serve all residents of Cedar County and the surrounding area.

2. To acquire and make available to all residents such books, periodicals, pamphlets, and other resources as will address their needs to

a) become well informed,

b) locate answers to important questions,

c) cultivate the imagination and creative expression,

d) develop skills for career and vocational advancement, and

e) enjoy leisure by means of reading and other media.

3. To seek the means to provide the most frequently requested material.

4. To maintain a program of service which locates information, guides reading, organizes and interprets material for people of various backgrounds, and stimulates thinking and intellectual development in individuals of any age.

5. To strive consistently to discover new methods and improvements for better service for the library's customers.

6. To review these goals of the Cedar County Library District and, if necessary, revise them in the light of new developments.

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**Who May Use the Library**

A. The library will serve all residents of Cedar County. Service will not be denied or abridged because of the following: religion; race; social, economic, or political status, mental, emotional, or physical condition; age; or sexual orientation.

B. The use of the library may be denied for due cause. Such cause may not be limited to failure to return library materials or to pay penalties, destruction of library property, disturbance of other patrons, or any other illegal, disruptive, or objectionable conduct on library premises.

**Services of the Library**

The library provides materials and resources for information, entertainment, intellectual development, and enrichment of the people of the county. The library should endeavor to:

1. Select, organize, and make available necessary books and materials.

2. Provide guidance and assistance to patrons.

3. Sponsor and implement programs, exhibits, displays, book lists, etc., which would appeal to children and adults.

4. Cooperate with other community agencies and organizations.

5. Secure information beyond its own resources when requested. (Using interlibrary loan and other resource sharing methods provided through the system and state)

6. Lend to other libraries upon request.

7. Develop and provide services to patrons with special needs.

8. Maintain a balance in its services to various age groups.

9. Cooperate with, but not perform the functions of, school or other institutional libraries.

10. Provide service during hours which best meet the needs of the community, including evening and weekend hours.

11. Regularly review library services being offered.

12. Use media and other public relation mechanisms to promote the full range of available library services.