

Code of Professional Conduct

1. Librarians have a primary duty to their clients and to society:
 - a) to assist in the collection, preservation and availability of recorded and transmitted knowledge and ideas.
 - b) to facilitate the flow of information and ideas.
2. Librarians' actions and decisions should be based firmly on sound professional practice.
3. In the service of clients or in the selection of materials, librarians should not discriminate on the grounds of socio-economic status, politics, race, colour, creed, gender or sexual orientation.
4. Any information about identified clients and their individual interests obtained by librarians in the course of their professional duties is privileged and should not be used for any purpose other than that for which it was obtained without the express permission of those clients or unless required by law. This obligation continues after the relationship ceases.
5. Librarians must endeavour to maintain the highest level of competence and have an obligation to keep abreast of new developments and applications in their particular areas of professional activity.
6. Librarians without first disclosing their interest should not profit from their positions save by normal remuneration nor should they have any financial interest in goods or services recommended or supplied without first disclosing that interest.
7. Librarians have an obligation to formulate policies on library service, to argue their adoption, and to carry them out to the best of their abilities.