

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library Advocacy Policy

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General Statement

In order to work toward making systematic change necessary to achieving our mission, the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library may engage in advocacy activity or active support for a cause, idea, or policy. It is the policy of Joseph T. Simpson Public Library to advocate on public policy issues that support the mission of the organization, such as library funding and access to services.

I. Criteria for Public Policy Positions

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library may take positions on public policy issues which fulfill one or more of three basic criteria:

- Issues that affect the Library's ability to work toward its mission;
- Issues that affect the Library's patrons or program participants; and
- Issues that affect the Library's government funding or operations.

II. Process for Determining Positions

Advocacy positions on specific issues related to the mission of the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library will be determined by the Executive Director, with input from the Board of Trustees.

III. Concerning Participation on Coalitions

As a member of the Cumberland County Library System (CCLS), Joseph T. Simpson Public Library may take part in the advocacy work of the group. The CCLS Executive Director will determine positions on issues that concern the library system as a whole.

IV. Joseph T. Simpson Public Library is nonpartisan in its activities

Patrons of Joseph T. Simpson Public Library represent a broad cross-section of the political spectrum. Joseph T. Simpson Public Library does not support one candidate over another and does not support any political parties. Joseph T. Simpson Public Library works with all political parties in legislative efforts.