

## MISSION STATEMENT of JERVIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library's mission is to provide services and materials to meet the information/reference, education, and cultural needs of the general public in the community and surrounding areas. Through its reference service, collection, and electronic resources, including the Internet, the library provides timely, accurate, and useful information to meet patrons' personal interest needs and practical needs, as well as assisting patrons of all ages in meeting educational objectives, by providing information to aid in formal education as sponsored by schools and by supplying information to foster life-long learning independent of schools.

The library features current, high-demand, high-interest materials in a variety of formats for all ages and promotes these materials through attractive display. The result is a broad spectrum of popular materials for reading, listening, and viewing, to suit a variety of tastes within the domain of current community interests. In addition to popular material, the library selects material of lasting value to build a collection strong in both depth and width. Access to on-line services and the Internet is provided within the scopes of the library's *Internet Access Policy* and other applicable policies. Collections and services are directed to the general public or "lay people" rather than the academician, professional, or specialist. The library does not collect specialized research materials, as this is the mission of area university, college, and special libraries.

The Children's Library provides services and materials in a variety of formats to meet the personal, educational, and cultural needs of children and their parents/guardians. The library provides materials for parents and children to use together, such as, information on parenting, child care, and child development. Special emphasis is placed upon stimulating children's interest in and appreciation for reading and learning. Materials and services are provided to help support the educational needs of elementary and early junior high school students. These services complement and supplement those provided by the schools and school libraries.

Children's library services include a variety of programs, such as story-hours, artistic performances, reading clubs, and arts & crafts, aimed at preschool and school-age children. Computers are provided to nurture children's developing technological skills.

Teen/young adult services ensure availability of quality resources for homework activities and leisure for older junior high and senior high school students. Teen involvement in the library is encouraged through programming for and by teens, and communication with local schools.

*A cultural and educational backbone of the city, the library has as its central mission the acquisition and provision of materials and services needed to conduct and enhance the individual and group life of all people in the community and area, of all ages, without discrimination. As such, the library seeks to make positive contributions toward the development of the individual as a citizen and the removal of ignorance, intolerance, and indifference.*