



ALIA core values policy statement

ALIA Constitution Objects addressed:

- To promote the free flow of information and ideas in the interest of all Australians and a thriving culture, economy, environment and democracy;
- To promote and improve the services provided by all kinds of library and information agencies;
- To ensure the high standard of personnel engaged in information provision and foster their professional interests and aspirations;
- To encourage people to contribute to the improvement of library and information services through support and membership of the Association; and
- To endorse the principles of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 19 and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in response to the many challenges faced by the world today and into the future.

Principle

A thriving culture, economy, environment and democracy requires the free flow of information and ideas.

Australia's library and information services are fundamental to the free flow of information and ideas and a legacy to each generation, conveying the knowledge of the past and the promise of the future.

Statement

Library and information services professionals therefore commit themselves to the following core values of their profession:

1. Promotion of the free flow of information and ideas through open access to recorded knowledge, information, and creative works
2. Delivery of authentic information and evidence-based practice supported by quality research

3. Connection of people to ideas, knowledge creation and learning
4. Dedication to fostering reading, information and digital literacies
5. Respect for the diversity, individuality and equality of all
6. Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first peoples of the land, and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledges, cultures and Country
7. Adherence to information privacy principles
8. Management, organisation and preservation of the human record
9. Excellence, accountability, integrity and responsibility in service to our communities
10. Commitment to maintaining currency of professional knowledge and practice
11. Partnerships and collaborations to advance these values.

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