In any given library, you may be able to find horror novels, romantic epic fiction, modern historical accounts of a specific city, picture books with no words, books about politics, and religious texts.

Library patrons can access a breadth of information, even information with which one disagrees.

Free access to information from a variety of perspectives is a bedrock principle of our country's libraries.

"A library is a mighty resource in the free marketplace of ideas.... It is especially dedicated to broad dissemination of ideas."

-MINARCINI V. STRONGSVILLE CITY SCH. DIST., 541 F. 2D 577, 582-83 (6TH CIR. 1976).



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Penguin Random House

Our public libraries of all types provide members of a community with opportunities to seek information that they want and need. They are vital lifelines that ensure opportunities for education, entertainment, and engagement.

Our government has decided that libraries exist so that the public can have full access to information. This information allows us to learn:

- Where to vote
- Elected officials' policy positions
- About a school report topic
- About upcoming health procedures



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