

## **Mission Statements**

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### **Mission Statement of the Groton Public Library**

August 2010

To provide free access to collections, services, and programs that enrich the lives of all in our community. To provide this in a professional, friendly, and confidential environment that also promotes the joys and benefits of reading and learning.

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#### **Historical Room**

September 2004

The mission of the Groton Public Library's Historical Room is to help individuals discover the history of Groton and its families and to accumulate and preserve materials that record Groton's history for current and future generations and to make them available for the broadest possible use.

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#### **Art Committee**

April 2006

The mission of the Art Committee is to assist the Trustees and the Library Director in the selection of artwork for the Library, in order to assure both a quality art collection, as well as a cohesive interior design. The committee makes recommendations to the Trustees regarding the purchase or acceptance of artwork, including (but not limited to) paintings, sculpture, photographs, posters, textiles, and decorative items which are not affixed to the building.

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#### **Young Adult Program**

April 2003

The Young Adult Program encourages youth in grades 6-12 to establish lifelong habits of learning and reading and facilitates their participation and enjoyment in the offerings of their public library.

### **Philosophy**

Connections within their community are vital to young adults as they grow and become more independent. We also recognize that there is a significant decrease in the amount of reading for personal enjoyment within this age group. Recognizing these two truths the Young Adult Program at the GPL will work to develop programs designed to bring young people into the library, to help them explore a variety of the materials in the library, to form relationships with the library staff, and to encourage them to establish a lifelong habit of reading.

### **Goals for Young Adult Patrons**

- Read for their own enjoyment
- Use and feel comfortable at their public library
- Make their own choices about what to read
- Have the opportunity to respond to what they have read
- Connect books they have read with their own experience of the world
- See the library as a place that is interesting, fun, and relevant to their lives
- Broaden their life experience
- Use the library's resources to help them solve problems that might arise not just in school work, but also in life

### **The Library will strive to:**

- Be a welcoming safe place for young adults
- Offer incentives to encourage reading
- Support and guide young people as they venture beyond their families
- Teach proper use of the library's facilities and materials
- Create an atmosphere where young adults can form positive relationships
- Maintain young adults' enthusiasm for the library through a variety of programs scheduled throughout the year
- Promote the YA Program through classroom visits and book talks
- Provide a broad spectrum of reading, viewing, and listening materials
- Draw students to the library and interest them enough that they become regular library users and supporters
- Make use of school half-days and curriculum days to provide constructive activities for kids in this age group
- Keep YA collection current, interesting, and appealing
- Communicate with schools and homeschoolers to coordinate with curriculum and programs
- Strive to introduce young adults to all parts of the library
- Offer teens the opportunity to serve their library