

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & LEGAL BASIS



The St. Charles Public Library District was established as a District Library on December 19, 1979, following a referendum on December 1, 1979.

The boundaries of St. Charles Public Library District are contiguous with those of St. Charles Township, Kane County, Illinois, plus the area east of St. Charles comprising Pheasant Run and contiguous with the City of St. Charles, DuPage County, Illinois, plus that portion of the area of the Village of Wayne, Illinois, in DuPage County, as of 1984, and that portion of School District #303 in DuPage County.

The Board of Library Trustees of the St. Charles Public Library District is empowered by law and obligated to "...carry out the spirit and intent of (the public Library District Act) in establishing, supporting and maintaining" the Library (75 ILCS 16/30-55).

The Library is financed by an annual public library tax determined and levied by the Board of Library Trustees (75 ILCS 16/35-5).

The Board of Trustees of St. Charles Public Library District will formulate policies governing selection and organization of library materials and personnel which will facilitate the collection, location, distribution, interpretation and effective utilization of the Library's resources by the public. The Board will provide and maintain safe, modern physical facilities and equipment which will support and enhance the services of the Library. In order to fulfill its legal obligation, the Board will comply with the Illinois Compiled Statutes, especially with regard to the powers granted to the Board in (75 ILCS 16/30-55). The Board also will make an effort to use the standards of SERVING OUR PUBLIC of the Illinois Library Association as guidelines and criteria in formulating library policy and establishing library objectives.

In accordance with the Public Library District Act, the St. Charles public Library District "...shall be for the use of the residents and taxpayers of the district wherein it is located, subject however to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board may adopt in order to render the use of the Library of the greatest benefit to the greatest number of such residents (75 ILCS 16/1-10).

The Board is empowered "To extend the privileges and use of the Library, including the borrowing of materials on an individual basis, to persons residing outside of the district...upon terms and by conditions prescribed by the Board by its regulations. The Board shall charge a non-resident fee at least equal to the cost paid by the residents of the District with the cost to be determined according to the formula established by the Illinois State Library (75 ILCS 16/30-55.60).

Library hours are established as follows:

The Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Library is open on Sunday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

