

“LIBRARIES – FOR READERS ONLY ? “

Let us not discriminate. Libraries are for ALL people. Not only readers, but for Patrons of all walks of life. A library is a place to expand your mind, and develop a sense of self. It is by exposing yourself to different places, ideas, concepts and cultures that you learn. For that reason, even a non-english speaking person from another country benefits from a public library. The sights and atmosphere of our learning environments can have a profound impact on attitudes adopted, which will Potentially mold and shape a person in ways we may not even comprehend. For Example, a person may not be able to read. But a picture of a faraway land, or a group of People, or invention may spark a fire inside of them that later will become the catalyst for A major invention, or concept that will change the course of human kind for the better. Ideas have to come from somewhere. I believe that they are housed within the library !

Libraries are for dreamers. Libraries are also for the people that have the Motivation to make those dreams a *reality*. Libraries are endless sources of knowledge. Encyclopedias, newspaper articles, magazines, books, and even now with the Internet.... The library is the place to go for success. There are classes, and programs of All kinds offered . Libraries offer a variety of things, for all age groups. Many programs are geared specifically for creating a community bond and a sense of belonging.

Libraries are for creators. Libraries are for families. Libraries are for the Inventive, and intellectually hungry. Libraries are also for the shy, reserved people who Find a sense of comfort away from the hustle and bustle of the crowds. Libraries are a Place of quiet, internal peace where it is okay to be alone with your thoughts. Libraries Provide a safe haven, or a place to chart and plan GREAT adventures for life. Librarians

Are special in that they are the ones who oversee this sacred place...working behind the  
Scenes to make sure that our needs are met as readily as possible. Librarians are ever-  
Ready to come to our aid and help us. Perhaps it is a recipe that we need to look up, an  
Old poem or story that we remember as a child and now want to share with our own.  
Maybe we are researching some far off country that we are planning to visit as part of an  
Outreach to their less fortunate land. Librarians hold the key to the special kingdom  
Called 'the library'.

Libraries- just for readers ? NO WAY ! Libraries are for young and old. If  
You are blind, they offer books in Braille. If you cannot read Braille, they even have  
Books on audio tape ! Libraries offer a multitude of options and resources to all.  
The library is for anyone and everyone who wants to grow.