

Library Establishment Policy

Policy Statement

The Rochester Hills Public Library operates with the following mission statement: The Rochester Hills Public Library empowers people to explore and create with resources that enlighten, educate, entertain, and inform.

Regulations

1. The Rochester Hills Public Library is established and operated in compliance with the Michigan law.¹
 2. The library is in compliance with all other Michigan laws that affect library operations.²
 3. The library is in compliance with all federal laws that affect library operations.³
 4. The service area includes all of Rochester Hills, Oakland Township and the City of Rochester. The latter two communities are served on a contractual basis.
 5. The library is governed by a six-member elected governing board as provided under Michigan law.⁴
 6. The library is funded through a voter-approved millage that was passed in perpetuity in April 1924 and is annually adjusted.⁵
 7. The board adopts and adheres to the principles set forth in the American Library Association's (ALA's) *ALA Code of Ethics* and ALA intellectual freedom statements.
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Rochester Hills Public Library Board of Trustees

¹ City, Village, and Township Libraries Act, Act 164 of 1877, Sec. 10

² Including but not limited to the MCL 15.231 *et seq.* Freedom of Information Act, the MCL 15.261 *et seq.* Open Meetings Act; the MCL 37.1101 *et seq.* Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act; MCL 141.421 *et seq.* Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act; MCL 397.171 *et seq.* District Library Financing Act; and the MCL 397.601 *et seq.* Library Privacy Act

³ Including but not limited to 42 USC 12101 *et seq.* Americans with Disabilities Act and the 29 USC 201 *et seq.* Fair Labor Standards Act

⁴ City, Village, and Township Libraries Act, Act 164 of 1877, Sec. 10

⁵ *Michigan Constitution*, Art IX sec 6, & 25-34