

Libraries Position Statement (1992, updated 2002, Revised 2-16-2019)

Because the mission of the League of Women Voters is, "Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy," we recognized that libraries are institutions critical to making democracy work, since they are a hub of learning and give residents opportunities to assure an educated electorate.

Support library services for all residents of Weld County at their point of need.

Support for library services for all residents of Weld County through support of efforts toward maintenance of a downtown Greeley library (meeting spaces, resources, business support to residents of the areas, businesses, government and social services).

Better communications on the part of the public institutions with the community, citizens, and staff deliberations.

Public Libraries:

- Support for better communications on the part of the District Library Board with the community to include citizens in its deliberations, by wider distribution of official materials, advanced meeting agendas, and formal reports.
- Support for efforts to provide statistics on actual library use, including computer use and reference assistance in addition to book circulation.
- Support for predictions secured from the community for future needed facilities, maintenance, and materials.
- Support for greater cooperation and collaboration between public, school and academic libraries.

School Libraries:

- Support for libraries at all schools.
- Support for access outside of school hours to broadband for students who do not have Internet access at home.
- Support for requirements for library services for students in charter schools.
- Support for professional and/or experienced library personnel to work with teachers in all schools.
- Support for library service after school hours, nights, weekends, and during summer vacations.
- Support for better coordination and collaboration between school, public and academic libraries.

College Libraries:

- Support for libraries at academic institutions through encouraging financial support to secure quality collections and trained staff.
- Support for community access to academic library collections.
- Support for greater cooperation and collaboration between academic, public and school libraries.