

Mission Statement

Decatur Public Library's mission is to enrich the lives of community members by being a strong community partner and empowering community members through equal opportunity to high quality education, literature, technology, and collaborative experiences in a welcoming, community-centered facility.

Primary Roles

- **Lifelong Learning:** Addressing the desire for self-directed personal growth and development opportunities for all ages and abilities.
- **Current Topics and Titles:** Fulfilling our community's appetite for information about current topics, popular cultural and social trends, and the desire for satisfying recreational experiences.
- **Commons:** Offering an environment that helps address the need of people to meet and interact with others, and to participate in public discourse about community issues.

Secondary Roles

- **Formal Learning Support:** Helping students attain their educational goals, whether they are enrolled in formal programs of education or pursuing education through an intentional program of homeschooling.
- **Information Literacy:** Addressing the need for skills related to finding and using information effectively.
- **Business & Career Information:** Addressing the informational needs of our community members as they relate to business, career, work, entrepreneurship, personal finances, and obtaining employment.