

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Waterboro Public Library is to offer the citizens of Waterboro library services, programs, and physical resources. The Library will provide access to electronic information, all forms of literature, a variety of cultural and artistic resources, and community meeting rooms that provide a positive and enriching environment promoting literacy and lifelong learning.

### Services:

Creating the new library began with the determination of the services a library should provide to the people of Waterboro. In 2002-2003, the Trustees of the Library worked to develop a revised mission statement and determined the **services the library** would provide to the people of the town. They used the Minimum Standards for Libraries set by the Maine State Library Association. When this process was completed the Trustees had a strategic plan for the new library. It was presented to Selectmen and approved in March of 2004.

### The Services to be provided:

- 1. The library will endeavor to enhance the availability of electronic information by enabling easier and more comprehensive access.** The WRL will have a number of computers of high quality throughout the library that will provide direct high-speed access to remote information including appropriate data bases. It will develop programs to educate patrons to use these programs. The entire building will have wireless access.
- 2. To expand the collection to 40,000 volumes and to meet literary needs of the patrons through inter-library loan and Internet access.** The new library will have the space to gradually expand its collection to 40,000 volumes. It will also provide space and book collections that will be delineated specifically for children and another for young adults.
- 3. To allow patrons to become involved in cultural and artistic activities through loan of materials, theatrical and musical presentations, displays and programs in various venues.** The library as designed has wall space so that artistic creations of local artists can be hung and small sculptures could be placed around the interior and exterior of the building.
- 4. To provide a variety of spaces suitable for local gatherings.** The library has a meeting room that is slightly larger than the Selectmen's room at town hall. It is designed so that it will be accessible for meetings even when the library itself is closed. There are also two smaller conference rooms that could be used for meetings. These rooms provide adult programming space for the library and a place for local groups to meet. There is a small kitchen areas for coffee and sandwiches.

**5. To provide access to public areas of the library for all patrons.** The library will have comfortable reading areas and expansive work areas throughout the library. The children's room will have age appropriate facilities and furniture.

**6. To provide space, materials and a variety of information and to aid in accessing this information while working in collaboration with other agencies in our community.** The library understands that fostering life long learning and literacy is part of its mission. To that end, it will provide programs that foster children's reading and provide resources for home schooling. It will work with other agencies to foster adult literacy. It will foster the development of a variety of book discussion groups.