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- We are responsible for building, and maintaining the collections and for providing access to the resources, and via these actions we guarantee the fulfilment of the information need of our users and the preservation our cultural heritage for future generations
- We provide open access to the global information with our well-organized book collections, information resources and services. By establishing a national information treasury, we take part in international information exchange.
- We provide the highest possible level and impartial services to all library users without any discrimination on national, racial, age, religious or social bases.
- We acknowledge each person's and every social group's rights to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information, and we protect intellectual property rights. We follow the laws, agreements and standards applying to our professional work.
- We pay much attention and respect to our relations with co-workers and try to avoid everything that might hurt collegial relations.
- We love our work and value highly our professional dignity.
- We enhance and develop our knowledge and skills and follow the best traditions of our profession. Each librarian and information specialist is responsible for the future of our profession by giving personal effort to the development of the profession.
- Our professional competence guarantees the trust and respect of society towards the library and our profession.
- Our relationship with the representatives of other professions is based on mutual respect and the willingness to cooperate.