

## **DRAFT ROLES OF THE BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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The Boulder Public Library fills a number of important roles in the community.

- Independent Learning – BPL supports individuals of all ages pursuing learning and literacy, independent of an educational provider.
- Formal Education Support – BPL assists students of all ages in meeting educational objectives established during their formal courses of study.
- Popular Materials Library – BPL features current, high-demand, high-interest materials in a variety of formats for persons of all ages.
- Early Literacy – BPL actively encourages young children to become readers and learners through services for children and families.
- Reference Library (Personal, Business, Community) – BPL actively provides timely, accurate and useful information for community members and businesses in a variety of formats, and serves as an archive for Boulder history.
- Information Technology Access – BPL provides free access to extensive information resources and technologies, as well as providing education/assistance in using these technologies.
- Arts & Culture – BPL provides venues and programming to support the community's cultural and artistic interests as well as supporting Boulder's development as an arts destination.
- Public Workplace – BPL provides a comfortable place for people to read, think or work, both individually and in groups.
- Community Center – BPL is a central focus point for dialogue and the exchange of ideas, through public activities, meetings and services, welcoming all members of the community.