



Northport-East Northport Public Library

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RESILIENCY POLICY

The Northport-East Northport Public Library recognizes its vital role in creating a resilient, sustainable community by fostering a more environmentally sound, socially equitable, and economically feasible community. We understand that building a sustainable community requires collaboration and partnerships. Our aim is to provide resources, support, and educational opportunities that empower individuals and groups to navigate challenges effectively, build strong networks, and thrive in the face of adversity. The following details how we accomplish these goals.

- **Partnerships** – The Northport-East Northport Public Library believes in the power of collaboration, which benefits the community at large. We actively collaborate with local governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and community groups that share a commitment to community resiliency. These partnerships facilitate the development and delivery of comprehensive, interdisciplinary programs that address the multifaceted nature of community resilience.
- **Resource Development** – We curate and provide a comprehensive collection of materials which focuses on diverse aspects of community resiliency, including disaster preparedness, mental health, sustainable living, personal finance, and more. These resources are accessible in various formats, such as books, e-books, online articles, videos, and interactive tools.
- **Programs and Workshops** – The Library regularly hosts programs centered on building skills related to community resiliency. These may include programs on disaster preparedness training, mental health awareness, sustainable living, financial literacy, and more. These programs are open to all community members, fostering a sense of collective empowerment.
- **Digital Literacy and Access** – Recognizing the digital divide's impact on community resiliency, the Library offers digital literacy programs that teach essential technology skills. Additionally, we provide access to computers and the internet, ensuring that everyone can access vital information and resources online.
- **Crisis Response and Support** – Particularly in times of need, the Library serves as a hub for accurate and timely dissemination of information. The Library provides a safe space for community members to access resources and connect with relevant support services. Our staff provide compassionate assistance and direct patrons to appropriate resources.
- **Inclusive Approach** – We are dedicated to inclusivity and ensuring that our programs and resources include diverse backgrounds, abilities, and needs. We actively engage with diverse and underserved communities to understand their unique challenges and tailor our offerings to meet their needs.
- **Continuous Assessment and Improvement** – We regularly evaluate the impact of our initiatives on community resiliency to help guide our efforts to continually refine and enhance our programs, resources, and partnerships.

This policy reflects Northport-East Northport Public Library's unwavering commitment to supporting community resiliency. By providing resources, fostering education, and collaborating with various stakeholders, we aim to empower our community to overcome challenges and emerge stronger, more connected, and better prepared for the future. For additional information on the Northport-East Northport Public Library's commitment to sustainability refer to the Library's *Sustainability Policy*.