## **Policy Statement**

The Rochester Hills Public Library operates with the following mission statement: The Rochester Hills Public Library empowers people to explore and create with resources that enlighten, educate, entertain, and inform.

## Regulations

- 1. The Rochester Hills Public Library is established and operated in compliance with the Michigan law.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. The library is in compliance with all other Michigan laws that affect library operations.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. The library is in compliance with all federal laws that affect library operations.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. The service area includes all of Rochester Hills, Oakland Township and the City of Rochester. The latter two communities are served on a contractual basis.
- 5. The library is governed by a six-member elected governing board as provided under Michigan law.<sup>4</sup>
- 6. The library is funded through a voter-approved millage that was passed in perpetuity in April 1924 and is annually adjusted.<sup>5</sup>
- 7. The board adopts and adheres to the principles set forth in the American Library Association's (ALA's) *ALA Code of Ethics* and ALA intellectual freedom statements.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> City, Village, and Township Libraries Act, Act 164 of 1877, Sec. 10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Including but not limited to the MCL 15.231 *et seq*. Freedom of Information Act, the MCL 15.261 *et seq*. Open Meetings Act; the MCL 37.1101 *et seq*. Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act; MCL 141.421 *et seq*. Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act; MCL 397.171 *et seq*. District Library Financing Act; and the MCL 397.601 *et seq*. Library Privacy Act

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Including but not limited to 42 USC 12101 *et seq*. Americans with Disabilities Act and the 29 USC 201 *et seq*. Fair Labor Standards Act

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> City, Village, and Township Libraries Act, Act 164 of 1877, Sec. 10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Michigan Constitution, Art IX sec 6, & 25-34