

## **Douglas Public Library Mission:**

We invite you to join us in a literary life rich with community and creativity, inspiration and information, enrichment and entertainment: a life for all ages; a life that never ends.

## **Douglas Public Library Vision:**

The Simon Fairfield Public Library invites everyone in Douglas, the Blackstone Valley, and beyond to join us in a literary life. Scientists, anthropologists, philosophers, and pretty much everyone agrees that language is what makes us human. Whether written with pen, pencil, chalk, stylus, keyboard, or on the very air with our voices; whether imbibed via papyrus, parchment, paper, television screen, radio waves, or computer monitor, words define us and the world around us. Language--words--are meant to be shared. Our mission is to be the center of that sharing.

- We aim to enrich our literary community and all who want to be a part of it, deepening our bonds and relationships to build a stronger town and region.
- We aim to empower our literary community with the tools to express itself creatively through various media and in various styles.
- We aim to inspire our literary community to make every day better than the last.
- We aim to inform our literary community so that nobody has to suffer the handicaps of misinformation or lack of information.
- We aim to enrich our literary community, teaching and providing the tools necessary for our patrons to be more productive and efficient.
- We aim to entertain our literary community, because human drama is just so much fun.
- We aim to provide the above services at all times to all people of all ages, regardless of age, race, gender, or ability.
- We aim to preserve the literary culture of our community so that our forbears 112 years hence can still point to the library and say, "There's the heart of the town."