

## **Community Involvement and Partnership Policy**

**Adopted by the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District Board of Trustees  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

The Stickney-Forest View Public Library District recognizes the responsibility it has to the community it serves and seeks to be aware of and responsive to its needs by forming and sustaining partnerships with area organizations, agencies, and businesses. The Library also recognizes that holding community events within the Library facility which are designed to engage the entire community encourages individuals that might not normally utilize the Library to experience what the Library has to offer.

This policy applies to all efforts by The Library Board of Trustees and staff to connect with, interact with, and communicate with community organizations, agencies, and businesses on behalf of the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District.

The Library will encourage and facilitate the Board of Trustees' and key management personnel's active participation in the community on behalf of the Library by participating in select Stickney, Forest View, Central Stickney and neighboring community events.

Any agency that partners with the Library must have goals compatible with the mission of the Library. The Library reserves the right to cancel an existing partnership with an organization that develops a public image incompatible with the Library's services or objectives or uses the Library's name without prior consent.

Staff will maintain guidelines for entering into partnerships, taking into consideration such things as impact on staff time, Library resources, and benefit to the community. Partnerships will be subject to the approval of the Library Director and/or The Library Board of Trustees.