

Other/Future Policies

As libraries continue to evolve and offer more community services, new policies may need to be developed. Some of the following are likely already offered, others may happen in the future.

- Service animals
- Laptop lending
- Tablet lending
- Hotspot lending
- Patrons using Door Dash (or other delivery service) to pick up library materials
- Exam proctoring
- Telework – internal policy – allowing staff to work from home
- Makerspaces
- Curbside pickup
- Library kitchens for entrepreneurial use
- Telehealth/privacy pods
- 24/7 access with a library card
- Digitizing – do you digitize collection items? To what standards? Will you digitize items for the general public?
- Recording studios – use by patrons
 - Including digital content creation and publishing (copyright and intellectual property guidelines for patrons creating and sharing digital content through library resources)
- Resource sharing/collaborative purchasing with other libraries or organizations
- Cafés, coffee shops, theatres, restaurants – all of these services are offered in Finland
- Library of things
- Shower service
- Food service
- Storage rental
- Drone delivery of library materials
- Services for blind, visually impaired, or other disabilities
- Catio: where patrons can pet cats for fun or to help reduce anxiety – collaboration with local shelter
- Universal library cards
- Sleeping pods
- Visitation services-divorced parents with kids
- Business center for startup entrepreneurs
- Sustainability (green practices)
- Crisis response and emergency preparedness
- Artificial Intelligence