

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the South Haven Memorial Library (SHML) is:

- to lead in the delivery of quality library services,
- to offer materials to meet the diverse needs of our community,
- to inspire the reading interests of youths, and
- to support individual lifelong learning for all.

## **OUR ROLES**

***A Reference Library*** – The SHML will promote timely, accurate and useful information for community residents of all ages and cultural backgrounds in their pursuit of job-related and personal interests. The library will preserve and make available to the public information about the community's history.

***A Popular Materials Library*** – The SHML will feature current, high-demand, high-interest materials in a variety of formats for person of all ages. The library will actively promote and encourage the use of its collection.

***A Pre-Schoolers' Door to Learning*** – The SHML will encourage young children to develop an interest in reading and learning by offering services for children and for parents and children together. Parents and other adult caregivers will be able to locate materials on reading readiness, parenting, child care and child development. The library will seek to facilitate cooperation with other child care agencies in the community.

***An Independent Lifelong Learning Center*** – The SHML will support individuals of all ages pursuing a program of learning, independent of any education provider. These individuals will set their own learning objectives to meet such concerns as citizen education, self-improvement, job-related development, hobbies, and cultural interests.

***An Information Technology Center*** – The SHML will continue to improve the quality of service to the community by keeping up to date with the ever-changing area of electronic information technology.

***A Community Center*** – The SHML will strive to become a cultural center for the community. The library will provide a welcoming gathering place for the exchange of information and ideas. The library will also facilitate hosting speakers, exhibits, and programs of interest to the community in a safe, reliable and non-partisan environment.