

## **CHARTER OF THE ELTING MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

April 1, 1909, Provisional Charter granted to the New Paltz Free Library by the Board of Regents

December 2, 1915, Absolute Charter granted by the The Board of Regents, New York State Education Department, to the New Paltz Free Library as an association library serving the Village of New Paltz.

June 25, 1920, Charter amended by the Board of Regents to change the name from the New Paltz Free Library to the Elting Memorial Library of New Paltz, New York.

December, 1978 Charter amended by the Board of Regents to increase the number of Trustees from nine (9) to twelve (12) and to enlarge the service area to the boundaries of the Town of New Paltz.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**Adopted January 2012**

The Elting Memorial Library believes an informed citizenry is the foundation of democracy. We aspire to be a community center in which people of all ages and backgrounds can learn, read, and enjoy a variety of educational and cultural programs. We strive for a welcoming environment in which our collections, technologies, staff and facilities serve the needs of our community. Our general collection will reflect the diversity of New Paltz. Our historical collection will be an ever-expanding source of information about the unique history and people of our region.