

Richard Hugo House Library: Vision Statement

The Richard Hugo House Library is a resource for all Richard Hugo House members, staff, and volunteers. Its intent is to support writers, with a special emphasis on helping those who are emerging and/or unpublished. In order to do this, the Library provides resources necessary to promote authorship and publication. For Hugo House staff and volunteers, it also provides an educational space, a place to meet to discuss new ideas and projects, and a place to preserve Hugo House history. Although the Library is not open to the public, within these two capacities it serves both its parent institution and its community and increases the value of Richard Hugo House membership.

The Library collects materials in three main areas: information on how to become a published writer, reference material and advice on the writing craft, and examples of successful writing in all genres, with an emphasis on local writers and those who have come to speak or teach at Hugo House. Members may use these materials in-house, and they consist of all formats supported by the Library. In addition, the Library is an inviting space that encourages the creative process and gives writers the tools necessary to start and complete a project. To this end, the Library provides several computers and the appropriate software and technologies, including Internet access.

The Library also helps support the entire Hugo House organization. The Board uses the space to hold meetings, and numerous Hugo House classes and activities are held within its walls. It is the designated area for preserving numerous Richard Hugo (for whom the House is named for) works and artifacts, and therefore preserves a part of the House history.

The Richard Hugo House Library seeks to always improve upon its resources and tools by listening to all its users, both members and Hugo House staff and volunteers.