

Selection Policy

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The Library collection will be selected and maintained to enable each person to find the library materials and information that she or he wants according to her or his own free choice.

The collection, taken as a whole, will be an unbiased and diverse source of information representing as many viewpoints as possible. Subjects and viewpoints will be covered in sufficient depth and breadth to meet anticipated and expressed individual and community needs.

The Library neither encourages nor discourages any particular viewpoint. Selection of materials by the Library does not mean endorsement of the contents or the views expressed in those materials. Material will not be excluded because of the race, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political or social view of either the author or of the material.

This committee recognizes that library resources are not unlimited. Selection of materials must adhere to budget allocations. Resource sharing with other libraries, and electronic and other methods of information access, are valid and necessary ways of meeting patron needs. Libraries policies sometimes include the goal of providing a balanced collection.