

PATTERSON LIBRARY

MATERIALS SELECTION

The library, recognizing the pluralistic nature of the community and the varied backgrounds and needs of all citizens, regardless of race, creed or political persuasion, declares as a matter of materials selection policy that:

1. Books and library materials selection is vested in the library director and, under the direction of the library director, such members of the staff who are qualified by reason of education and/or training. Any book or library material so selected shall be held to be selected by the library director. The weeding of books and library materials shall be similarly vested in the library director.
2. Selection of books and other library materials shall be made on the basis of their value in regard to interest, information and enlightenment of the community. No book or library material shall be excluded because of race, nationality or the political or social views of the author.
3. This library believes that censorship is a purely individual matter and declares that while anyone is free to reject materials of which one does not approve; one cannot exercise this right of censorship to restrict the freedom of others to read.
4. This library adopts and declares that it will adhere to and support:
 - a) "The Library Bill of Rights", and
 - b) "The Freedom to Read Statement"

Adopted by the American Library Association, both of which are made a part hereof.