

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.
2. Materials are selected in compliance with the mission and goals of the library on the basis of informational, educational, cultural and recreational value. The collection will include materials in a variety of formats, including but not limited to, print, audio-visual, and electronic. The following general criteria are also used in selecting materials for the collection:
 - Reviews in professional journals or other sources
 - Current community interest or demand
 - Authority, accuracy and artistic quality
 - Existing library holdings
 - Timeliness
 - Availability of the material through the interlibrary loan system or other community, or regional institutions
 - Format, including durability and ease of use
 - Financial constraints
3. The collection is maintained by retaining or replacing essential materials and removing on a continuous basis those works that are damaged, outdated, or no longer in demand.
4. 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.
5. This library adopts and declares that it will adhere to and support:
 - a) "The Library Bill of Rights"
 - b) "The Freedom to Read Statement"
 - c) "The Freedom to View Statement"

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