

GREENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Materials Selection Policy

The Director of the library shall be responsible for selection of books and other materials. Library materials (print and non-print) shall be chosen on the basis of their value of interest, information and enlightenment of all people of the community. No library material shall be excluded because of the origin, background or views of those contributing to their creation. Selection criteria will apply to all materials added to the collection whether purchased or donated.

Library materials should be of sound factual authority and represent all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times – international, national and local.

Materials for individuals of varying ages, educational levels and interest should be acquired.

The collection is maintained by retaining or replacing essential materials and removing, on a systematic and continuous basis, those works that are worn, outdated, or no longer in demand.

The Library Bill of Rights and The Freedom to Read Statement have been endorsed by the Greenville Public Library Board of Trustees and are integral parts of the policy.

The Greenville Public Library recognizes that some materials are controversial and that any given item may offend some patrons. Selection of materials will not be made on the basis of anticipated approval or disapproval, but solely on the basis of the principles stated in this policy.

Responsibility for the reading of children rests with their parents or legal guardians. Selection of library materials will not be inhibited by the possibility that materials may come into the possession of children.

Library materials will not be marked or identified to show approval or disapproval of their contents, and no library material will be sequestered except to protect it from damage or theft.

Although materials are carefully selected, there can arise differences of opinion regarding suitable materials. Patrons requesting that material be withdrawn from or restricted within the collection may complete a “Statement of Concern about Library Resources” form which is available in the library. The inquiry will be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Greenville Library Board of Trustees.

The materials selection policy like all other policies will be reviewed and/or revised as the need arises.

Approved by the Board of Trustees

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