



MATERIALS SELECTION POLICY

The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library recognizes the responsibility of the public library to provide library materials to satisfy the needs and interests of a pluralistic society. Toward that goal, the materials of the Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library should represent the thought of the world, irrespective of prejudice or personal bias.

Selection of library materials should be made on the basis of their value of interest, information and enlightenment of all residents of the community, within budget possibilities. No library materials should be excluded solely because of race, nationality, political or social views of the author(s).

Selection of youth materials will be based on the recreational and informational needs of children from infancy through high school. All material will be judged on its own merit in relation to the youth for whom it is intended, within budget considerations. Since school libraries should provide books and related materials supporting their curriculum, emphasis in the public library collection will be placed on appropriate materials other than school materials for the child's independent reading enjoyment. Materials will be carefully selected for youth of all ages and abilities.

Selection of library materials for adult and youth materials are made utilizing appropriate library review journals.

Weeding the library collection is as important to the proper use of materials and space as selection. Guidelines for weeding materials from the collection include, but are not limited to:

- maintaining the collections in good physical condition;
- eliminating duplication of materials;
- replacing superseded editions;
- eliminating previous high interest materials no longer circulating;
- eliminating out-dated materials in various disciplines and formats.

Selection and weeding of library materials is vested in the Library Director by the Board of Trustees and , under direction, to members of the professional staff qualified by education and training.

The Board believes censorship is a purely individual matter and declares while individuals are free to reject for themselves materials which they do not approve, they cannot exercise censorship by restricting others' freedoms to read or access to materials.

Access to materials available at the library does not imply approval of content, nor does absence of particular materials imply condemnation. The Board defends the principles of the Freedom to Read statement and the Library Bill of Rights.

Patrons who would like materials to be reconsidered may fill out a Request for Reconsideration of Library Resources form. The request will be reviewed by the Library Director and a decision will be discussed with the patron. If the patron is not satisfied with the decision, the patron may request in writing that the matter be considered at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The Board has adopted, made part of policy, and agrees to support and adhere to the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read statement of the American Library Association.