

STAUNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
POLICY ON THE SELECTION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

In the adoption of this policy, recognition has been given to the needs of a diverse community. Selection of library materials is the responsibility of the City Librarian and designated members of the staff. The following broad guidelines are provided by the Board to assist, but not limit, the work of the City Librarian and staff:

1. Selection of materials will be made on the basis of value to the community. No material will be excluded because of the race, nationality, gender, religion, political or social views of the author or the subject.
2. As far as budget, space and availability allows, there will be an effort to provide materials which present to the fullest practical measure all points of view. The presence of resources in the Library does not indicate endorsement of their content by the Library.
3. Materials will be acquired using standard professional selection resources as well as requests and other input from the community.
4. The Library will resist any pressure to restrict the choices of the users of the Staunton Public Library and does not accept the role of censoring the Library collection on behalf of any group or individual. In seeking to develop a collection which represents many viewpoints, providing information and entertainment to a range of users, the Library does acquire books and other materials which are not acceptable to the beliefs of everyone.

5. Access to materials will not be restricted to anyone. The responsibility for children's and adolescents' materials use belongs to the parent or legal guardian.

The Staunton Public Library Policy on the Selection of Library Materials is supported by the following documents which are hereby considered part of the policy:

1. The Library Bill of Rights
2. The Freedom to Read Statement of the American Library Association and the Association of American Publishers

Approved by Staunton Library Board

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