

Materials Selection

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The Library Director is responsible for selecting library materials. The library shall provide materials in all subject areas and in varied formats, print and non-print. Specific criteria to be considered are: reputation of author, significance of the subject to the region, evaluations & reviews. Sources used are: booklist, Library Journal, area newspapers, magazines, Publisher's catalogs, online reviews and librarians. These general principles apply to both adult and youth reading materials.

GIFTS

The Library Board authorizes the acceptance of unconditional gifts and donations to the library. Gifts with special conditions or stipulations can only be accepted with the approval of the Library Board.

CONTROVERSIAL MATERIALS

The Calumet Public Library subscribes to the following paragraphs of the Library Bill of Rights:

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.

- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

Procedures

A patron expressing concern over library materials will be invited to discuss their concern with the Director and, if he or she wishes, to put the complaint in writing on the Statement of Concern About Library Resources. The Director and staff will then review the request and the facts will notify the complainant of the decision in writing. If the complainant is not satisfied with the administrative decision, he or she may request to appear before the Library Board for reconsideration. The Library Board's decision will be final.

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