

Mt. Iron Public Library

Materials Selection Policy

Mission of the Mt. Iron Public Library

The Mt. Iron Public Library contributes to an informed, connected community by providing books, technology, and special programs that support early literacy and academic achievement, and encourage people of all ages to become lifelong learners.

Responsibility for Selection of Material

The Library Director and the Assistant Librarian are responsible for selecting library materials.

General Principles

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, publisher, significance of the subject to the region, evaluations and reviews. Sources used would be: Booklist, Library Journal, area newspapers, magazines, Publisher's catalogs, Publisher's weekly and online reviews. In addition, suggestions and requests from other librarians and members of the public will be considered. These general principles apply to both adult and youth reading materials.

Controversial Materials

In seeking to accomplish its stated mission, the Mt. Iron 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 on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.