

Grand Rapids Area Library

6 STATEMENT ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

The Grand Rapids Library supports the right of individuals within its community to free access to the literary and informational output of society as a whole. The Library will work to provide materials to express the full range of viewpoints on topics of interest and controversy.

6.2 Intellectual Freedom Documents

The Library supports The Library Bill of Rights and The Freedom to Read Statement of the American Library Association. The Library will develop policies to implement those statements when they are not in conflict with state law, and make efforts to influence changes in law which will allow full and equal access to ideas for all

(Texts of those statements are included in Appendix C.)

6.3 Labeling of materials

No library material will be labeled for the purpose of rating the suitability of its content for prospective readers.

6.4 Sequestering of materials

No library material will be sequestered except to protect it from damage or theft.

6.5 Removal of selected materials

No library material which was selected in accordance with the policies of the Board shall be removed from the collection except by express order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by the withdrawal policy of this board and the established weeding procedures of the library.

6.6 Responsibility for Children's Reading

Responsibility for a child's reading rests with the parent or legal guardian.

No material eligible for selection under the library's policies and guidelines shall be excluded from the collection because it may fall into the hands of children.