

## **LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION POLICY NO. 3**

This policy is for the selection of all library materials for the use of the public.

The Board of Trustees of the Walla Walla Public Library recognizes that within the Walla Walla area there are groups and individuals with widely separate and diverse interests, backgrounds, cultural heritages, social values, and needs. The Board further recognizes that the Library was created to serve all of the people in the area regardless of age, sex, race, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, political or social views. Therefore the selection policy for library materials shall be as follows:

1. Library materials include any book, magazine, pamphlet, map, newspaper, paperback, or type of item in print or electronic format, compact disk, DVD, computer program or type of item in digital format, or any information sources on the Internet or other type of electronic information.
2. Library materials selection is and shall be vested in the Director of the Walla Walla Public Library and delegated to members of the staff who are qualified by reason of education, experience and training. Any library material so selected shall be held to be selected by the Board.
3. Selection of library materials shall be made on the basis of: interest, information, appropriateness, and relevance to and for the people in the service area. Factors to be considered shall include timeliness, effective expression, significance of subject, responsibility of opinions, evaluations in professionally recognized critical guides, overall quality, and public interest. No materials shall be excluded because of the race, sex, national origin, religious creed, sexual orientation, or the political, religious, or social view of the author. Acceptance of gifts for inclusion in the collection, and withdrawal from the collection of materials which are no longer useful, will be based on the criteria listed above.
4. The Board of Trustees of the Walla Walla Public Library believes that censorship is a purely individual matter and declares that, while any person is free to reject for himself or herself materials of which he or she does not approve, he or she cannot exercise this right of censorship to restrict the freedom of others to read, view, listen, or inquire.
5. The Board of Trustees does not endorse every idea or presentation contained in the materials it makes available to the public and believes that it would be in conflict with the public's interest to establish its own political, moral, or aesthetic views as a standard for determining what material the library selects. The Public Library will develop and maintain a balanced materials collection which will represent various points of view on a

subject. “A balanced collection reflects a diversity of materials and resources, not an equality of numbers.” (ALA Diversity in Collection Development)

6. The Board of Trustees recognizes that a collection representing various points of view may cause one or more persons to take issue with the selection of a specific item. A person questioning materials in the library collection is requested to complete a Statement of Concern About a Library Material provided by the library. Materials subject to complaint will be handled in accordance with the Materials Selection Review procedure. A copy is attached to this policy. Materials will remain in the active collection while being reconsidered.

7. The Board of Trustees recognizes that it is the right and the responsibility of a parent to guide his or her child's reading, viewing, or listening.

8. The Board of Trustees of the Walla Walla Public Library declares that it will support and adhere to these statements below in as far as they are consistent with the selection criteria listed above:

- a. The Library Bill of Rights, American Library Association, adopted June 19, 1939 by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; inclusion of “age” reaffirmed January 23, 1996
- b. The Freedom to Read Statement, American Library Association, adopted June 25, 1953 by the ALA Council and the AAP Freedom to Read Committee; amended January 28, 1972; January 16, 1991; July 12, 2000; June 30, 2004
- c. The following interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights:
  - (1). Access for Children and Young Adults to Nonprint Materials; adopted June 28, 1989 by the ALA Council; amended July 2, 1991; June 30, 2004
  - (2). Access to Digital Information, Services and Networks; adopted January 24, 1996 by the ALA Council; amended January 19, 2005; July 15, 2009
  - (3). Access to Library Resources and Services Regardless of Sex, Gender Identity, Gender Expression or Sexual Orientation; adopted June 30, 1993 by the ALA Council; amended July 12, 2000; June 30, 2004; July 2, 2008
  - (4). Challenged Materials; adopted June 25, 1971 by the ALA Council; amended July 1, 1981; January 10, 1990; January 28, 2009

- (5). Diversity in Collection Development; adopted July 14, 1982 by the ALA Council; amended January 10, 1990; July 2, 2008
- (6). Economic Barriers to Information Access; adopted June 30, 1993 by the ALA Council
- (7). Evaluating Library Collections; adopted February 2, 1973 by the ALA Council; amended July 1, 1981; July 2, 2008
- (8). Exhibit Spaces and Bulletin Boards; adopted July 2, 1991 by the ALA Council; amended June 30, 2004
- (9). Expurgation of Library Materials; adopted February 2, 1973 by the ALA Council; amended July 1, 1981; January 10, 1990; July 2, 2008
- (10). Free Access to Libraries for Minors; adopted June 30, 1972 by the ALA Council; amended July 1, 1981; July 3, 1991; June 30, 2004; July 2, 2008
- (11). Importance of Education to Intellectual Freedom; adopted July 15, 2009 by the ALA Council
- (12). Labeling and Rating Systems; adopted July 13, 1951 by the ALA Council; amended June 25, 1971; July 1, 1981; June 26, 1990; January 19, 2005; July 15, 2009, July 1, 2014
- (13). Library Initiated Programs as a Resource; adopted January 27, 1982 by the ALA Council; amended June 26, 1990; July 12, 2000
- (14). Meeting Rooms; adopted July 2, 1991 by ALA Council
- (15). Minors and Internet Interactivity; adopted July 15, 2009 by the ALA Council
- (16). Privacy; adopted June 19, 2002 by the ALA Council
- (17). Restricted Access to Library Materials; adopted February 2, 1973 by the ALA Council; amended July 1, 1981; July 3, 1991; July 12, 2000; June 30, 2004; January 28, 2009
- (18). Services to Persons with Disabilities; adopted January 28, 2009 by the ALA Council

(19). Universal Right to Free Expression; adopted January 16, 1991 by the ALA Council

- d. Washington Library Association Intellectual Freedom Statement; ratified April 6, 2001 at the WLA Conference in Spokane, Washington

This selection policy is to be periodically reviewed and revised by the Library Director at the direction of the Library Board.

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