

MATERIALS SELECTION POLICY

It is the objective of The Field Library to provide free and equal service to all members of the community, and as a member of the Westchester Library System, to provide further library service with access to a greater range of library resources.

One of the library's most basic services is to maintain a collection of books, periodicals, audiovisual media and online and electronic resources suitable for the cultural, educational, recreational, and vocational needs of the community.

In selecting material for the collection, the library is guided by the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, and the following specific criteria will be used:

- The library will try to build a comprehensive collection covering a wide field of interests and ideas.
- The professional staff will evaluate each item based on its literary merit, accuracy, and importance in its field. An effort will be made to utilize reviews of each item in the appropriate trade media before it is purchased.
- In selecting material on controversial subjects, all points of view will be presented insofar as materials and funds are available to do so. Material will not be excluded because of the origin, background or views of those contributing to their creation.
- The above criteria will be used to evaluate donated material as well as for library purchases.

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