

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Marion Public Library

I. INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

The Marion Library Board of Trustees subscribes to the principles outlined by the following:

- A. Freedom to Read Statement adopted by the American Library Association (ALA) Council on June 25, 1953 and revised January 28, 1972; January 16, 1991; July 12, 2000; and June 30, 2004.
- B. Library Bill of Rights as adopted on June 18, 1948; amended on February 2, 1961 and January 23, 1980; inclusion of “age” reaffirmed January 24, 1996 by the ALA Council.
- C. Freedom to View Statement as endorsed by the ALA Council on January 10, 1990.
- D. Libraries: An American Value adopted by the Council of the American Library Association on February 3, 1999; notably “We celebrate and preserve our democratic society by making available the widest possible range of viewpoints, opinions and ideas, so that all individuals have the opportunity to become lifelong learners - informed, literate, educated, and culturally enriched.”

(SEE APPENDICES A, B, C, AND D)

II. SELECTION OF MATERIALS

- A. Responsibility for materials selection and all library activities rests with the library director who works under the authority and policies of the library board. Selection is based on information found in standard library selection resources.
- B. The library’s collection emphasis is on popular materials.
- C. Library staff will strive to acquire materials that meet high standards of quality in content, expression, and format, keeping in mind requests from the public.
- D. Materials may include: books, periodicals, newspapers, audiovisual products, and electronic access.
- E. Library staff will make every attempt to avoid unnecessary duplication, but additional copies of popular materials are purchased based on patron demand.

III. AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS

The use of library materials is not restricted because of a patron’s age. Responsibility for the use of any resources by minors rests with parents and/or legal guardians. A separate juvenile collection is maintained for young borrowers.

IV. RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS

Requests for reconsideration of materials in the collection will follow procedures outlined on pages C1.3 – C1.5.

V. MAINTENANCE OF COLLECTION

In order for the library collection to be an accurate and reliable resource, materials that are worn, damaged, outdated, duplicated or no longer used will be removed from the collection according to accepted professional practices. Space, the cost of replacement, and the appearance of the collection are also factors. Locally significant materials are not held to these standards and may be retained. Withdrawn materials may be donated to other collections, other libraries, Better World Books, or to the Friends of the Marion Public Library (per Chapter 28E Agreement dated 22 February 2011), sold at a public sale, recycled, given away, or discarded. Disposal of library materials is at the discretion of the library director, subject to all relevant provisions of state laws and Marion City Code.

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