

6. LIBRARY MATERIALS POLICY:

6.1 Library Materials:

- A. The Library will provide any materials, either by purchase or through cooperation with other libraries, which will help to meet objectives.
- B. Any non-returned or damaged materials that are borrowed by Patrons shall become the financial responsibility of the Patron. The Library Manager reserves the right to restrict the borrowing of Library Materials due to delinquent accounts.
- C. Books and other materials will be accepted as outright gifts on the condition that the Library Manager and/or Library Board has the authority to make whatever disposition they deem advisable. Thank-you notes shall be mailed to individuals or groups for donations of materials or books of significant value at the discretion of the Library Manager and/or Library Board. The Library Manager or a Board Member shall acknowledge smaller donations by telephone or personally.
- D. To safeguard access to the widest possible variety of resources, the Library adopts the policy of “freedom to read”.
- E. The Library subscribes to the “Statement of Intellectual Freedom” adopted by the Canadian Library Association, as printed below:

Intellectual Freedom

- 1. All persons in Canada have the fundamental right, as embodied in the nation’s Bill of Rights, to have access to all expressions of knowledge, creativity and intellectual activity, and to express their thoughts publicly. This right to intellectual freedom is essential to the health and development of Canadian society.
- 2. Libraries have a basic responsibility for the development and maintenance of intellectual freedom.
- 3. It is the responsibility of Libraries to guarantee and facilitate access to all expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity, including those which some elements of society may consider to be unconventional, unpopular or unacceptable. To this end, Libraries shall acquire and make available the widest variety of materials.
- 4. It is the responsibility of Libraries to guarantee the right of free expression by making available all the Library’s public facilities and services to all individuals and groups who need them.

6.2 Library Materials and Book Selection:

- A. This task shall be entrusted to the Library Manager, who may report to the Board at each monthly meeting.
- B. The Library Manager shall have the authority to purchase books and other materials for loan in accordance with accepted reviewing sources. Every effort will be made to purchase them at discount through the Northern Lights Library System.
- C. Materials acquired will meet high standards of quality in content, expression and format.
- D. Materials which are no longer useful in the light of stated objectives will be systematically weeded from the collection. Such materials will be disposed of at the discretion of the Librarian.

6.3 Withdrawal:

- A. Should a Library wish to disassociate itself from the County of St. Paul No. 19 Library Board, the Board retains the right to withdraw their inventory from the Library in accordance with the School Use Agreement.

Date

Board Chairperson