

3. COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

3.1 INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

POLICY

The Morinville Public Library shall support free access to ideas, promote free expression, provide public information, and foster enlightenment. These goals shall be accomplished through a collection that includes the widest diversity of views and expressions including those which are unorthodox and orthodox, popular and unpopular, from whatever viewpoint. A rigorous adherence to the principle of Intellectual Freedom shall protect these important rights, as stated in the **Statement of Intellectual Freedom** adopted by the Canadian Library Association. http://cla.ca/wp-content/uploads/CLA_Intellectual_Freedom_Position_Stmt_27sept2015_ltrhd.pdf

PROCEDURE

1. Freedom to access all materials in the Morinville Public Library shall be provided to all users. While any individual has the right to reject for themselves books of which they do not approve, they do not have the right to restrict the reading of others.
2. Minors' choices shall be at the discretion of their parents or guardians and are not the responsibility of the library, Library Staff or the Library Board.
3. If a patron objects to any material in the library, they shall be asked to complete the ***Request for Reconsideration Form 3.1*** (see Appendix 3A). The request shall then be brought forward to the next library board meeting for discussion and evaluation. Final responsibility for resolution of complaints concerning library materials rests with the Board.

3.2 MATERIAL SELECTION

PURPOSE

The library must employ a policy of selectivity in acquisition which recognizes the informational, cultural, educational, and recreational needs of the Town of Morinville and the library patrons. The library recognizes that the community encompasses a wide range of ages, interests, educational levels, format preferences, and interpretive skills and seeks to maintain a basic circulating collection chosen to answer general interest requests from the community.

In most cases, the selection of highly technical or specialized materials is beyond the scope of the collection.