

Library Collection Maintenance

- The Library subscribes to the "Statements of Intellectual Freedom" adopted by the Canadian Library Association.
- All persons in Canada have the fundamental right, as embodied in the nation's Charter 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.
- Libraries have a basic responsibility for the development and maintenance of intellectual freedom.
- 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.
- It is the responsibility of libraries to guarantee the right of free expression by making available all the libraries public facilities and services to all individuals and groups who need them.
- Libraries should resist all efforts to limit the exercise of these responsibilities while recognizing the right of criticism by individuals and groups.
- Both employees and employers and volunteers have a duty, in addition to their institutional responsibilities, to uphold these principles.
- The presence of a book, periodical, or other material in the library does not constitute an endorsement of its contents.
- Library materials are available to any library patron, regardless of age. The board believes in the right and obligation of parents and legal guardians to guide their children in selection of materials consistent with their families' value system.
- Materials which are no longer useful in light of stated objections will be systematically weeded from the collection. Guidelines for weeding are:
 - subject matter - information which is longer accurate, theme or style out-dated, superseded edition, duplication in little used areas
 - physical condition - damaged, dirty, ragged binding, missing or torn pages
 - usage - items which have not circulated five times in the past five years, allowing for classics or award-winning items
 - age - unindexed periodicals after two years
 - refer to Northern Lights policy
- Materials which are weeded may be:
 - sold to the public
 - given to other organizations
 - destroyed/recycled
 - refer to Northern Lights policy

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