

## **602 INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM DOCUMENTS**

### **602.1 LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS**

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

1. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
2. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be prescribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
3. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
4. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
5. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
6. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

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## **603 COLLECTION MANAGEMENT POLICY**

### **603.1 MISSION, GOAL AND PURPOSE**

The mission of Muskegon Area District Library is to provide the resources and relevant services to create an environment conducive for library use, while maintaining financial stewardship and accountability.

The goal of collection development is to maintain collections that continue to support the needs and interests of the community.

The purpose of the collection development policy is to provide guidelines to librarians for their collection development and management activities in order to meet the mission of the library.

#### **603.11 OBJECTIVES**

To further its mission, the library has established the following objectives for collection development:

- a. To collect materials of both contemporary significance and permanent value. The library will be guided by a sense of responsibility to both current and future patrons in adding materials that will enrich the collection and maintain an overall balance.