

600 LIBRARY MATERIALS

601 SELECTION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

601.1 PRINCIPLES The Library Board of the Muskegon Area District Library, recognizing the pluralistic nature of this community and the varied backgrounds and needs of all citizens - regardless of race, creed, social or political persuasion - declares as a matter of library materials selection policy that:

1. Library materials selection is and shall be vested in the Director and under his/her direction such members of the library staff who are qualified by reason of education or training. Any library materials so selected shall be deemed to be selected by the Library Board.
2. Selection of library materials shall be made on the basis of their interest, informational, or cultural value to the varied people of this community. No decision to exclude materials will be based solely on the race, nationality, morals, or the political, or religious or social views of the author.
3. This Library holds that selection of reading/listening/viewing materials is a purely individual matter and declares that while each citizen is free to reject for himself/herself library materials which he/she does not approve of, no one can exercise this right to restrict the freedom to read or use of library materials for others.
4. Gift materials are subject to the same principles as enunciated in this policy. Disposition of all gift materials shall be at the discretion of the Director or his/her delegate.
5. The Library defends the principles of the freedom to read and use of library materials and declares that no library materials shall be removed from this library under any punitive legal or extra-legal pressure save after an independent determination by and under orders from a judicial court of competent jurisdiction and only after an adversary hearing, in accordance with well-established principles of law. Citizens may request reconsideration of a book previously selected by use of the appropriate form. (see Section 603.91).

601.2 MATERIALS SELECTIONS POLICY-GUIDELINES

1. This Library serves a pluralistic community of residents with varied backgrounds, tastes, interests, and needs.
2. Each citizen is free to select or reject for himself/herself library materials. No one can exercise this right to restrict the freedom to read or the use of library materials for others.
3. The Library does not endorse or advocate the ideas or presentation of library materials in its collection. In a free society it is not the Library's function to coerce or restrict the ideas and tastes of others.
4. Only the parent has the right to restrict his/her child - and only his/her child - from access to library materials and services. It is not the function of the Library to interfere with this parental prerogative.