

LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

The School Committees endorse the Library Bill of Rights, as adopted by the American Library Association, which asserts that the responsibility of the school library is to:

1. Provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the students served.
2. Provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.
3. Provide a background of information that will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.
4. Provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that students may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking.
5. Provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage.
6. Place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library.

Initial purchase suggestions for library/media materials may come from all personnel--teachers, coordinators, and administrators. Students will also be encouraged to make suggestions. The librarian/media specialist will recommend materials to be included in the school library. Final approval and authority for distribution of funds will rest with the building Principal subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

Gifts of library/media materials will be accepted in keeping with the above policy on selection. Complaints about library/media materials will be handled in line with Committee policy on complaints about instructional materials.

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CROSS REF.: KEC, Public Complaints about the Curriculum or Instructional Materials