



Collection Development Policy

It is the goal of the Danville-Center Township Public Library to ensure a balanced collection of materials that meets the community's needs and reflects the library's mission. These materials will be selected by the Library for values of interest, information, and the enlightenment of the people of the community, as well as to represent all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times.

Selection

The Library Board delegates to the Library Director the authority for the selection and management of all print, non-print, and electronic materials. The selection and management is done by library professionals using the following criteria:

- Patron interest
- Accuracy of information
- Popular demand and requests
- Reputation and authority of author and/or artist
- Statement of challenging, original or alternative point of view
- Professional and critical reviews from professional library resources
- Literary, historic, artistic or scientific merit
- Price and availability of funds
- Availability of materials
- Relation to other resources in the community

Scope

The scope of the collection is intended to meet the educational, recreational, informational, and cultural needs of all the residents of the Library district. The emphasis is on acquiring materials of wide-ranging interest, varying complexity and various formats and perspectives for the general public.

Separate collections will be maintained for children, teen and adults. Responsibility for a child's use of library materials lies with his or her parent or guardian, and the library supports their right to choose which items are and aren't appropriate for use by their own children.

Evaluating and Weeding of Collection

Space in the Library is limited and in order to maintain a current collection which meets the needs of the community, the examination of materials is an ongoing process. Items which are obsolete, damaged, unused or redundant will be withdrawn from the collection. Items withdrawn maybe donated to the Friends of the Library and sold at the Friends' book sales.

Reconsideration of Materials

The Library supports the Library Bill of Rights which states “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.”

If a patron finds an item objectionable, he or she is invited to fill out a Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials form. The Director and the designated library staff will review the material and based on this Collection Development Policy, determine as to whether to remove the item from the collection, move it within the collection, or to keep it as it is. The Director will reply in writing to the patron, giving the Library’s decision and the reason for same. If the patron is not satisfied with the Director’s decision, he or she may appeal in writing to the Board of Trustees, who will review the matter at a regular Board meeting.