



DeWitt District Library Collection Development Policy

The DeWitt District Library acknowledges the Library's responsibility to provide materials which will meet the many and varied reading, viewing, and informational needs of the potential public it is to serve. When possible, the Library collection shall include representative materials for all races and nationalities, and all political, religious, economic and social views. In acquiring such materials, the Library shall apply selection criteria including customer demand, authenticity, timeliness, readability, creativity, utility, format, space, and price.

The Primary Mission of the DeWitt District Library is that of a Popular Materials Library. Circulation, customer purchase requests and hold levels are the most important influences on the Library's collection. The Library will always attempt to anticipate and purchase high interest subjects and authors in sufficient quantities to meet the needs and interests of the community.

Inherent in the collection development philosophy is an appreciation for each customer of the Dewitt District Library. The Library believes that the determination of what material an individual chooses to use is a private matter, and no individual has the right to restrict the freedom of another to use material of his or her choice. The Library encourages the public to discuss with and recommend to the staff materials for acquisition. The Library upholds the right of the individual to access information, even though the content may be controversial, unorthodox or unacceptable to others.

The selection of library materials shall be the responsibility of the Director, and under his or her delegation, such members of the professional staff who are qualified by reason of education and training.

The Dewitt District Library endorses the principals documented in the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights. Any customer who wishes to challenge materials found in the collection will be offered a Statement of Concern about Library Materials form. The Board will evaluate the challenge using applicable library policy. No library materials shall be removed from the collection against the judgment of the DeWitt District Library Board of Trustees, except under the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

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