

Grand Island Memorial Library

Materials Selection Policy

Pursuant to the provisions and the Bylaws of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, the Board of Trustees of the Grand Island Memorial Library adopts the following general principles for the selection of library material for the guidance of the administrative staff of the Library. These criteria shall apply to all materials, both purchases and gifts.

1. The selection of library materials should be based on comprehensive knowledge of the nature and special characteristics of residents of the Town of Grand Island and/or Erie County. While the majority of the books and other media are purchased by the Central Library of B&ECPL, the Grand Island Library Director may make requests and recommendations. The Director has a small designated annual book budget for Grand Island Library's use.
2. Books or library materials selection is, and shall be, vested in the Library Director, and, under the Director's supervision, such persons who are qualified by reason of education and training.
3. The collection should include subjects of current general interest on international, national, and local levels.
4. Materials suitable for individuals of varying ages, educational levels and interests, in a variety of formats, should be acquired.
5. Library materials should be provided as far as possible for both actual and potential readers by careful anticipation of events, conditions, and the increasing use of the library.
6. Selection of materials for which there will be little or no demand should be limited, but demand should not be the sole basis of selection. The great works, which are foundations of our culture and history, should be a permanent part of the collection, and fundamental materials of present or anticipated usefulness to students and residents in this community should be added to the collection as far as possible.
- 6.5 The collection is maintained by retaining or replacing essential materials and removing, on a systematic and continuous basis, those works that are worn, outdated or no longer in demand.
7. A "complete" collection of library materials should not be the goal, but the best and most useful materials should be selected. Because the Library has available to it the resources of many other libraries throughout the B&ECPL System, highly specialized or technical

materials which can be obtained through interlibrary loan or accessed electronically will not be part of the collection. The Library will not acquire in depth collections of a special nature (law, engineering, etc.) that are available at neighboring institutions.

8. The Library's collections should reflect changing currents of thought and opinion, and adequate representation should be given to scientific, social, and intellectual forces, which are constantly reshaping the world. No book or library material shall be excluded based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, or political or social views of the author.
- 8.5 Library patrons may submit a request for the addition of specific titles to the collection on the B&ECPL website.
9. Censorship is a purely individual matter. Responsibility for the reading, viewing, or listening material of children and adolescents rests with their parents or legal guardians. The Library does not stand in loco parentis.
10. Materials in the collection, which are challenged, shall be reviewed in accordance with the "Procedure for Reconsideration of Materials".
11. This Board has adopted and declared that it will adhere to and support:
 - a. The Library Bill of Rights.
 - b. The Freedom to Read Statement adopted by the American Library Association.
 - c. The Restricted Access to Library Materials Statement, and
 - d. The Free Access to Libraries for Minors Statement, all of which are made part hereof

This policy is determined by the Library Board of Trustees and is subject to periodic review and/or revision at the discretion of the Board. Appeals may be submitted to the Board in writing.

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