

Andersen Center Point Library Collection Development Policy

Introduction

Ultimate responsibility for collection development policy lies with the Center Point Library Board of Trustees. The Board delegates to the Director the selection of books and materials (pamphlets, newspapers, periodicals, media items etc) and the development other collections.

Guidelines

Materials selected for the collection will meet both the current and long-term needs of Center Point residents of all ages and abilities for information, education, culture, and recreation as stated in the **Center Point Library Mission Statement**. The library strives to offer the widest possible range of subjects and views in a variety of formats, treatments, and levels of difficulty, within the limits of cost and space and considering current holdings and demand.

Collection development will support priorities of the library's long-term plan.

The library subscribes to the principles embodied in the LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS and its interpretations, FREEDOM TO READ, and FREEDOM TO VIEW statements adopted by the American Library Association.

Including materials in the collection does not constitute endorsement of their contents. The library recognizes that any given item may offend some patrons, but, because the library follows accepted principles of intellectual freedom, it will not remove specific titles solely because individuals or groups may find them objectionable.

The library welcomes suggestions and comments from the public and will consider requested materials of reasonable cost and value to the collection for acquisition.

Specialized resources available in other local libraries will not be needlessly duplicated. The library adds curricular materials only when these also serve the general public.

The library participates in programs designed to provide patrons access to materials not owned, such as interlibrary loan, reciprocal borrowing agreements, and access to Internet resources. The library offers alternative access to its collections including use of mail and electronic delivery. Small outreach collections are donated to agencies and institutions serving populations with limited library access.