

## Material Selection Policy

The Center Point Public Library selects materials and develops collections in many different formats to provide Center Point residents with a wide range of informational, recreational and educational resources which are easily accessible and cost-efficient. The library will acquire materials reflecting the full diversity of points of view on topics of interest to the public.

One objective of the Center Point Public Library is to select, organize, preserve and make freely available materials that help individuals and groups in the community to:

- Pursue continuing education
- Develop their creative capacities
- Become more responsible members of the community
- Understand their cultural heritage and that of others
- Become more capable in their occupations
- Use their leisure time creatively
- Obtain needed information

To achieve these ends, the library provides materials and services to residents of all ages. It seeks to direct and stimulate life-long learning by offering a carefully selected collection of materials and skilled professional guidance in their use.

In its selection of materials, the Center Point Public Library endorses the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Statement, as adopted by the American Library Association. The library will challenge censorship of any materials in order to provide complete and accurate information on all sides of an issue, and to foster a climate of intellectual freedom for area residents. Challenges regarding specific materials will be reviewed upon written request. A form for this purpose may be requested from any professional librarian.

The final responsibility for material selection lies with the Library Director. Recommendations from the public are welcomed. The library will not promote specific beliefs or views, but will provide enough suitable material to enable the public to make informed and intelligent decisions. Materials judged to be of lasting value will be added to the collection. Those materials meeting present and anticipated user interests may also be provided. Selection of materials may be influenced by many factors, including but not limited to the following:

- Budgetary considerations.
- Physical limitations of the library building.
- Suitability of the format and construction.
- Availability of material through interlibrary loan.
- The need for added materials in subject areas.
- The special needs of library patrons for materials in accessible formats.
- Donations from the community.

The library welcomes gifts of materials, with the understanding that they will be evaluated using the same criteria as those applied to purchased materials. If the gifts do not meet these criteria, the library reserves the right to dispose of them as it sees fit. All gifts of library materials are subject to the Library's Gifts Policy. The library collection will be kept attractive and current by a continual program of repairing, discarding or replacing worn and outdated materials.