

Trumbull Library Collection Development Policy

Collection development supports the Library's mission by acquiring materials that meet both the educational and entertainment needs of people of all ages and stages of life in Trumbull.

The Library Board is ultimately responsible for the acquisition of all materials as the governing body. The Board then delegates the actual purchasing responsibility to the Director who in turn, may decide to seek the advice of the library staff based on their expertise and interests.

Guiding principles for the acquisition of materials:

1. Resources should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
2. There should be the fullest practicable provision of resources presenting all points of view on current and historical issues.
3. Resources should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
4. Using available funds, resources shall be selected with due consideration to supply, demand, relevance, reliability, literary significance, and format.

Use of library resources by children is the responsibility of their guardians. Selections shall not be inhibited by the possibility that resources may come into the hands of children.

The library subscribes to the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read Statement and supportive documents of the American Library Association. The appendix of this manual contains copies of these documents.

This policy is subject to change at the discretion of the Trumbull Library Board.

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