



Collection Development Policy

Purpose

This policy is to guide the library in the selection, placement, and management of materials in print and non-print formats. It is also the aim of this policy to inform the library patrons of the criteria used in selecting materials.

The library is supported by the City of Paris and serves the Citizens of Paris in pursuit of their recreational, informational, reference, and educational needs. To answer these needs, library materials will be selected to reflect these aims within the constraints of budget, space, usefulness and relation to the existing collection.

The Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read statement, and all relevant interpretations as adopted by the American Library Association are part of this policy. The texts of these may be found at www.txla2.org/pubs/ifhbk.html and in this handbook.

The library does not serve in loco parentis. It is only the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) who may restrict their child/children, and only their child/children, from access to library materials. The parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) have the ultimate responsibility over their child's reading material selections.

Library staff members may be assigned specific subject areas or material types for selection. The library director has the ultimate authority and responsibility for the selection and management of the library's collection.

Criteria

Materials are selected based on merit, accuracy, durability of format, authority and competence of the author or authors, usefulness, patron requests and suggestions, reviews, and relationship to the existing collection. Patron demand, as well as availability through interlibrary loan, will also be taken into consideration when selecting print and non-print works for inclusion in the collection.

Formats include books, print and electronic/digital; audio and video recordings, both physical and digital; newspapers, periodicals; and online database resources.