

# NORELIUS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## MATERIALS SELECTION & COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The primary purpose of the Norelius Community Library is to select, purchase, organize, and make readily accessible books and other printed, recorded and on-line materials, and to stimulate interest and give guidance in their free use to everyone in the community regardless of age, sex, race, creed, or social, economic and educational level. These materials will represent the widest diversity of views and expressions available within our budget constraints.

Selection is made on total content and to provide the best that has been thought and said, not to restrain, but to give opportunity to choose from a variety of sources. Selection will be made, where possible, to provide several points of view. New ideas, social change, unrest, and fear are always a threat to our personal comfort, but out of this is growth and freedom that has given the United States the elasticity to endure strain and to grow. In the final analysis, additions to the collection are chosen on total content.

Selections are made to make it possible for readers to choose from a variety of offerings and provide books and other media materials that enrich the quality and diversity of thought and expression. The Board favors free enterprise in ideas and expression. Books and other media materials are our greatest instruments of freedom.

The Library, its staff, board, or volunteer do not, by providing certain materials, endorse every idea made available. It is not our intent to impose our views; rather, we wish to provide material from which citizens can establish their own political, moral, or social views. We are not qualified, nor have we the right, to make moral or intellectual judgments for the citizens of our community or the patrons we serve.

The Library seeks to apply the same criteria in evaluating gifted materials that it applies to items purchased with funds received, however some gifted materials are designated by the donor for a specific purpose and the Library will seek to honor donative intent at all times.

We endorse the Library Bill of Rights. (Refer to the Iowa Library Association Intellectual Freedom Handbook). This can be found online:

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill>

Some material and equipment because of its nature may be kept in isolation; for example, bound newspapers, historical books, yearbooks, etc. The library's collection will be evaluated in a regular, on-going manner. Materials may be removed from the collection if they are worn out, misleading, superseded, no longer circulating, or duplicated, or because of space limitations.

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