

# Materials Selection Policy

The materials selection policy for the Burlington Public Library is stated as follows:

1) The responsibility of buying materials is a duty belonging to the librarian. Gifts shall be accepted with the stipulation that the librarian is free to decide whether all or part of the gift shall be integrated into the collection, discarded, exchanged, or sold.

2) Library materials shall be selected on the basis of 1) permanent literary value 2) authority 3) timeliness 4) community interest and need 5) relation to the permanent collection, and 6) recreation. Materials will not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.

3) The library shall provide materials and information representative of all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials will not be removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

4) Weeding or re-selection of materials shall be done on a regular basis in order to keep the collection balanced and up-to-date.

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