



The Mission of the Fluvanna Free Library is to offer information, education, and entertainment to the public through books, DVD's and computers.



COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The Library will uphold its users' right to access and use a variety of information and materials, including controversial information or materials.

It will be the responsibility of the Library Director to develop and maintain the collection. It will be his or her duty to keep the Board of Trustees informed as to the library's needs in terms of augmenting, weeding or replacing items in the collection. The librarian shall be responsible for the selection of materials according to these guidelines:

1. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
2. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

ACQUISITION

Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction

The Library Director shall materials select according to a variety of criteria. As a general rule the library will acquire works of interest, demand or need. Price, accuracy, and timelines are other factors influencing selection. No attempt is made to purchase all the works by a certain author. Donations in good condition and author or genre interest are entered into the library's collection. As technology changes, the library will acquire material in the prevailing formats (e.g. e-books).

Juvenile Fiction and Non-Fiction

Materials are purchased by the Library Director or donated and are selected to meet the informational and recreational needs of children up to age thirteen. Patron demand and need are also considered in acquiring children's material. Donations are added the collection if in good condition, if age appropriate and if there is interest.

DVD's

Popular feature films, documentaries, and other visual media are added to the library's collection in a manner consistent with patron demand and budget constraints. Donations are reviewed and added to the collection in interest and viewing appropriate. Videos (VHS) are no longer added to the collection unless something specific.

Periodicals

The library subscribes to a variety of magazines covering general patron interest subjects such as news, cooking, fashion, or lifestyles. Circulation and cost are also deciding factors.

Reference Materials



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Appropriate and recent materials are collected to answer the informational questions of library users such as dictionaries, thesaurus, language books, directories, etc. Cost is a factor concerning encyclopedias due to similar information on the internet.

Young Adult

The library collects materials for ages thirteen through age seventeen. The library will add to its collection those materials that are of interest and are age appropriate, including series.

Audio Recordings

This collection includes fiction, non-fiction and music mostly for recreational needs. Additions to the collection are determined by patron interest, demand and cost. Formats include books-on-tape, books-on-CD and CD's.

WEEDING

Weeding will be completed yearly. Materials weeded will be identified using various criteria such as condition, the correctness of the information and when last discharged.

RECONSIDERATION FOR LIBRARY MATERIALS

The Fluvanna Free Library does not promote particular beliefs or views. The Library provides materials for various opinions, which can apply to important, complex, and controversial questions, including unpopular and unorthodox viewpoints. Language, situations, or subjects that may be offensive to some community members do not disqualify material whose value is to be judged in its entirety. Concerns about materials in the Library's collections should be directed to the Library Director and a "Request for Reconsideration Form" must be completed (see Appendix I). The Library Board will appoint a review committee to formalize a final judgment on materials in question.