

Oakmont Carnegie Library Policy

SECTION III: Educational Programs and Services
POLICY: Book Selection

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1. The Library shall endeavor to maintain a carefully selected collection of good, representative books of permanent value and current interest.
2. The Library shall provide, as far as possible, materials on all sides of any issue.
3. Materials that present only one side of a question and are written in a violent, sensational and inflammatory manner, shall not ordinarily be selected.
4. Books of doubtful value, such as campaign biographies or fiction of little literary worth will be acquired occasionally and discarded when they have served their purpose.
5. Patron requests for purchase of books by the Library are received, reviewed, and, if funds are available, are considered.
6. The Children's Collection is selected to provide pleasurable leisure reading, as well as to provide information in non-fiction areas which would also be of interest to children.
7. The Library Director in a small library does not have time to personally review every book purchased. With this in mind, the lists issued by the District Library Center, professional review journals, and the recognized library collection guides shall be used in the selection of material to maintain the standards of a good book collection.
8. A patron, objecting to the presence or absence of certain material in the Library, may file a written complaint with the Library Director, who will review the complaint with the Board of Trustees. The decision of the Board shall be final. A written reply conveying the decision of the Board shall be sent to the complainant.
9. An attractive and currently useful collection will be maintained by continual weeding and replacement.

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