

Trumbull Library System Collection Development Policy

In keeping with the Trumbull Library System's mission "to serve as a community center, actively enriching the inter-generational learning and leisure opportunities in Trumbull," the collection must be composed of materials to support this mission. Therefore, the professional librarians will seek to provide materials which meet both the educational and entertainment needs of people of all ages and stages in Trumbull on an equitable basis regardless of beliefs, affiliations or viewpoints of the groups or individuals making the requests.

The Library Board is ultimately responsible for the acquisition of all materials as the governing body. The Board then delegates the actual purchasing responsibility to the Director, who in turn, may decide to ask the advice of the Library staff based on their expertise and interests.

Guiding principles for the acquisition of collection materials:

1. Resources should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
2. There should be the fullest practicable provision of resources presenting all points of view on current and historical issues.
3. Resources should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
4. Using available funds, resources shall be selected with due consideration to supply, demand, relevance, reliability, literary significance, and format.

Use of Library resources by children is the responsibility of their guardians. Selections shall not be inhibited by the possibility that resources may come into the hands of children.

The Library subscribes to the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read Statement and supportive documents of the American Library Association.

- *Copies of statements are attached to this document.*

This "Collection Development Policy" is subject to change at the discretion of the Trumbull Library Board of Trustees.

"In accordance with the General State Statutes of Connecticut, Section 11-23, The Trumbull Library System Board of Trustees shall make and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations for the government of the Library and reading room."

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