

# Valatie Free Library Collection Development Policy

The Director of the Library, with input from staff, is responsible for the selection of print and non-print materials. These materials are chosen to meet the needs of the community for information, self-education and recreational pursuits. The Board recognizes that the Library serves a varied community with respect to age, race, and national origin, political and social views. Material will not be excluded because of the origin, background or views of those contributing to its creation. Materials may be selected from reviews, availability lists, bibliographies and vendor catalogs.

The collection will try to represent all points of view on a subject. The Board supports the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, *Freedom to Read* and *Freedom to View* statements.

The collection shall be maintained by retaining or replacing essential materials. Works that are no longer in demand, that are worn or outdated shall be removed continuously and systematically.

If possible, the Library will attempt to adhere to the following guideline from the MidHudson Library System: "Libraries should own 1 holdable copy for each 4-7 holds; 2 copies for 8-14; 3 copies for 15-23 holds to be picked up at their location. These minimum purchases also apply to audiovisual material. In the case of DVD's, holds are considered by title not format (wide screen or full screen)."

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