

Freedom to View Policy

The FREEDOM TO VIEW, along with the freedom to speak, to hear, and to read, is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

With these freedoms in mind, the Valatie Free Library shall practice these principles:

We believe it is in the public interest to provide the broadest possible access to films and other audiovisual materials because they have proven to be among the most effective means for the communication of ideas.

It is, also, in the public interest to make available to our patrons, films and other audiovisual materials which represent a diversity of views and expressions.

And we shall refrain from labeling or judging a film on the basis of the moral, religious, or political beliefs of the producer or filmmaker or on the basis of the controversial content.

Selection or availability of a work does not constitute or imply agreement with or approval of the content.

We shall defer to parental authority on the accessibility of materials to minors when instructed to do so.

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