

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

PURPOSE OF COLLECTION:

The collection development policy of the Julia Hull District Library is intended to provide guidance, within budgetary and space limitations, for the selection and evaluation of materials which anticipate and meet the needs of the local community, including interests of both the general Public and High School Students and Faculty. It directly relates the collection to the library's mission statement, and may change as the library's mission or community's interests and needs alter.

PHILOSOPHY OF COLLECTION:

The library upholds the right of the individual to secure information, even though the content may be controversial, unorthodox, or unacceptable to others. Materials available in the library present a diversity of viewpoints, enabling citizens to make the informed choices necessary in a democracy. No materials shall be excluded because of race, nationality, or political or social beliefs of its creator. Further, selections will not be made on the basis of any anticipated approval or disapproval by the community, but on the merits of the work in relation to building the collection and serving the varied interests of readers.

The Julia Hull District Library accepts and endorses the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights* and the *Freedom to Read* statements. (See Appendix). The Library shall select all materials in accordance with the spirit of those documents.

Responsibility for any restrictions on a child's access to any library materials, thus, rests solely with the child's parents and legal guardians.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Collection Development for both the Library and School Districts shall include the advancement of knowledge, the education and enlightenment of the community, and the encouragement of using library materials for the purposes of recreation and leisure.

Funding provided by the School District for purchases of materials shall be utilized for the purpose of supporting student curriculum and enhancing staff instruction and continued education.

RESPONSIBILITY OF COLLECTION:

The authority and responsibility for the selection of library materials rests ultimately with the Library Director. Under his/her direction, selection may be delegated to library staff. All staff members and the general public are encouraged to recommend materials for consideration.