

VOLUNTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
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MATERIALS SELECTION POLICY

The Board of Trustees of the Voluntown Public Library, recognizing the pluralistic nature of the community of Voluntown and the varied backgrounds and needs of all citizens, regardless of race, creed, or political persuasion, declares as a matter of materials selection policy that:

1. Books or library material selection is and shall be vested in the Library Director, and under the Library Director's direction such members of the professional staff who are qualified by reason of education and training. Any book or library material so selected shall be held to be selected by the Board of Trustees.
2. Selection of books or other library material shall be made on the basis of their value of interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community. No book or library material shall be excluded because of the race, nationality, or the political or social views of the author.
3. The Board of Trustees of the Voluntown Public Library believes that censorship is a purely individual matter and declares that while anyone is free to reject for oneself books and materials which do not meet with the individual's approval, one cannot exercise this right of censorship to restrict the freedom of others to read.
4. An up-to-date, attractive, and useful collection is maintained by retaining or replacing essential materials, and removing, on a systematic and continuous basis, those works that are worn, outdated, of little historical significance, or no longer in demand.

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