

Access to Library Materials Policy

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The Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association, article five, states:

“A person’s right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.”

Therefore, this library assures free access to its holdings of all types* for all patrons who may select or reject for themselves any item in the collection.

Labeling and shelving of materials shall in no way reflect a value judgment of the materials. All materials will be shelved in their proper order on open shelves, freely and easily accessible to the public, except for the historical collection and items that are difficult to replace.

Children are not limited to the children’s collection, although that collection is kept together to facilitate use.

Responsibility for the selection of a child’s materials rests with the parent. Library personnel do not act in loco parentis. The parent who would rather his or her child did not have access to certain materials must so instruct the child.

With regard to attendance at programs, (including film showings), a minor’s attendance at a program demonstrates parent/guardian approval of attendance. The Library does not act in loco parentis, determining which programs a minor may attend or which films a minor may view.

*types include, but are not limited to, the following: books, magazines, music CDs, audio books, DVDs, and videos.

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