

Earlham Public Library

POLICY: Collection Development Policy

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The Board of Trustees of the Earlham Public Library, recognizing the pluralistic nature of the community and the varied backgrounds and needs of all residents - regardless of race, creed, or political persuasion – declare as a matter of collection development that:

- Books and/or library material selection is the responsibility solely of the library director.
- Selection of books and/or other library material will be made on the basis of their value of interest, information, and enlightenment. No book or other library material will be excluded because of race, nationality, or political or social view.
- Selection of material on what could be considered controversial issues will be directed toward maintaining a balanced collection representing a variety of views. Material will be selected to seek balance and proportion in the collection as a whole.
- The Library Board believes that values are an individual matter and that while anyone is free to reject books for himself or herself, he or she cannot censor or restrict the freedom of others to read.
- The Board adopts and declares it will adhere to and support:
 1. The Library Bill of Rights.
 2. The Freedom to Read Statement adopted by the American Library Association. Both are made a part of this policy. Copies are attached.