

# BANCROFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

## MATERIALS SELECTION POLICY

The purpose of the Bancroft Public Library book selection policy is to guide the Library Director and inform the public about the principles upon which selections are made.

We support the book selection policy statement of the Southern Adirondack Library System [SALON Collection Development Policy](#) and the [Library Bill of Rights](#), [Freedom to Read](#) and [Freedom to View](#) policies as adopted by the American Library Association.

The final responsibility for book selection rests with the Library Director who may, however, consult at any time with the Library Board of Trustees. Recommendations for new titles from the public will be given due consideration.

The library endeavors to purchase those books which are of permanent as well as current value and represent the needs and interests of the community. The following, general policies will be the guide.

1. The library will provide materials which help to meet its objectives.
2. Materials acquired will meet high standards of quality in content, expression, and format.
3. The library will keep itself informed of other publicly available resources of books and other materials in the area to avoid unnecessary duplication. The library shall expend at least 15% of the annual operating budget for library materials.
4. The library will not attempt to furnish materials needed for formal courses of study offered by elementary and secondary schools and by institutions of higher learning. The public library has materials for self-study, but is not primarily designed to furnish reading required for academic study.
5. All materials, except those which are in special demand and cannot be duplicated, including rare and fragile items and current reference materials will be lent for home use under library regulations and procedures. Other material will be lent at the discretion of the librarian on duty.
6. As a responsibility of library service, books and other materials selected should be chosen for values of interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community. In no case should any book be excluded because of race or nationality, or the political views of the writer.
7. The library should make an effort to collect local historical material if it is not preserved elsewhere in the community.
8. There should be the fullest practicable provisions of material presenting all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our time--international, national, and local. Books or other reading matter of sound factual authority should not be proscribed or removed from the library shelves because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

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9. Annually the book collection will be reviewed and weeded by the librarian according to the following criteria:
  - a. Obsolete information.
  - b. Poor physical condition.
  - c. Material no longer needed.
10. The library will participate in reciprocal borrowing with SALS and its member libraries.
11. An up-to-date listing of all new titles shall be submitted to the local newspapers monthly and published on the library's website.

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