

FORT SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

POLICY

SUBJECT: SELECTION AND RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY
MATERIALS

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1. The Library will provide any materials, which help to meet its objectives. Such materials may include but are not restricted to:

books	periodicals
pamphlets	newspapers
AV recordings	other electronic media
microfilms	audio-visual recordings

All materials will be selected according to professional standards.

2. The Library will provide material designed for self study but not materials needed for formal courses of study offered by elementary and secondary schools or by institutions of higher learning.
3. All materials except those which have been designated for reference only and any items which are rare, fragile or cannot be duplicated will be available for loan.
4. Materials will be selected for values of interest, information and leisure. No material will be excluded because of the race, nationality, religion or political beliefs of the author. The library will endeavour to provide material representing all points of view on the problems and issues of our times, international, national and local. Censorship of library material by any person or group will not be tolerated.
5. All objections and grievances to library materials will be considered carefully and thoughtfully if the individual will fill out a form (see Schedule A) provided by the Library giving the following information:

Individual's name and address.

Title, Author and Publisher of the objectionable material.

Reasons for objections.

An affirmation that the individual has either read, listened to or viewed the material in question.

The Library Director will examine the material based on criteria from the Selection Policy. The complaint and the Library Director's evaluation will be presented to the Library Board for their decision. Notice of action to retain or remove the item will be sent to the complainant(s) in writing.

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Board Chair