

Topic: Collection Development and Management – Policy and Planning

3.13 Collection Development – Overall Policies

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Signature of Board Chairperson (and Date):

The North Kawartha Public Library shall assemble and administer materials and related educational, informational and recreational materials in order to provide a progressive, user-oriented service which responds to and anticipates the educational, cultural, leisure and other information needs of the community.

The Library collection must be developed according to the goals and objectives of the Library set by the Board.

To achieve these goals, the Library staff shall endeavour to:

- a) Select materials which represent all sides of a wide range of issues.
- b) Consider materials in terms of timeliness, demand, quality and authority.
- c) Develop collections of materials in a variety of formats.
- d) Acquire materials for all ages and levels of comprehension.
- e) Develop collections on specialized topics, such as local history.

Policies for the Library collection must set standards for the materials which will be collected, minimize personal bias on the part of the selectors, and offer protection against censorship.

The Board recognizes that the information needs of the community cannot be met through the resources of the North Kawartha Public Library alone. The Board views the Library's permanent collection as one essential element in an information system which also includes interlibrary loan, the sharing of resources and cooperative resource development with neighbouring libraries, and supplementary collections coordinated by the Ontario Library Service.