

6	COLLECTIONS	
6.1	Statement of Principles	
<i>Effective</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>Revised</i>
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- 6.1.1. The Library “believes in enabling all people to learn, read and share ideas in an atmosphere of intellectual freedom and universal access to information”.
- 6.1.2. The Library endorses the Canadian Library Association’s *Position Statement on Intellectual Freedom*, the British Columbia Library Association’s *Statement on Intellectual Freedom*, and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions’ *Statement on Libraries and Intellectual Freedom*.
- 6.1.3. The Library Board recognizes that this policy is carried out with due regard for, and in compliance of, all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws.
- 6.1.4. The purpose of this policy is to guide staff in the acquisition and management of material that is of current interest and/or of lasting value to existing and potential library users. The policy is also intended to familiarize library users with the principles upon which selection decisions are made for library collections.
- 6.1.5. The goals of the collection are to support the diverse informational, recreational and educational needs of the community; to emphasize general and popular treatments of subject areas; and to complement and supplement resources offered by other community institutions.
- 6.1.6. The Library endeavours to ensure both breadth and depth of its collections through staff familiarity with existing collections, their awareness of the needs of library users, and their knowledge of retrospective, current and future trends in informational and recreational materials suitable for public library use.
- 6.1.7. The ultimate right or responsibility for the choice and use of materials rests with the individual. The Library will not restrict access to material for any person, except where required by law.
- 6.1.8. **Non-Endorsement of Content**
The Library does not advocate any particular beliefs, philosophies, ideas or viewpoints found in its collections. The selection of any given item does not indicate endorsement of its contents by the Library.
- 6.1.9. This policy applies to all formats including print, non-print, audio-visual and electronic materials.