

Materials Selection Policy

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General Objective

The objective of the Springfield Township Public Library is to select, organize, preserve and make freely and easily available to the people of the community printed and other materials, within the limitations of space and budget, which will aid them in the pursuit of education, information, research, recreation and in the creative use of leisure time. The goal of the Library is the maximum use of its collection by the greatest number of persons.

It is the responsibility of the Library to satisfy the diverse reading needs and interests of the residents of the community through the selection, acquisition and organization of library materials and to provide skilled guidance in their use.

In its selection of books and other materials the Springfield Township Library subscribes fully to the principles adopted in 1948 by the American Library Association in its [Library Bill of Rights](#) and endorses the [Freedom to Read Statement](#)

Responsibility For Selection

Final responsibility for material selection rests with the Library Director, who operates under the direction of the Library Board of Trustees. Suggestions from readers are always welcome and are given serious consideration.

Criteria of Selection

Selection of library materials shall be made on the basis of their interest, informational or cultural value to the varied people of this community. In no case is any book or material type included or excluded merely because of the race, nationality, morals or the political or religious views of the author.

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Gifts

Gifts accepted by the Springfield Township Library are judged upon the same basis as purchased materials. Such factors as duplication, lack of community interest and inadequate shelf space may prevent their addition to the collection or permanent retention on the shelves. Gifts are accepted with the understanding that the Library, if it cannot use them, may at any time discard them in any way it sees fit.

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