

Westville-New Durham Township Public Library Collection Development Policy

Library materials will be selected to help meet the educational , informational, and recreational needs of the community.

Materials selected to serve educational and informational needs may present various viewpoints and ideas, but as a small library, the library cannot have available all aspects or ideas about all subjects. The library staff and board of trustees, while in their library work, do not endorse specific viewpoints.

An attempt will be made to have information on a broad range of subjects, rather than exhaustive treatment of a few subjects.

Recreational reading interests of the community will be met by the purchase of many of the current best selling books and other popular titles. The non print collection will include some currently popular titles which will also be of interest to community residents over the next decade.

Student, teacher, and patron requests may be the basis for ordering materials. The library has materials on subjects repeatedly requested.

The librarian orders materials with the aid of critical reviews in professional journals such as Booklist, Library Journal, and Horn Book.

The librarian decides on whether donated materials will be added to the library collection.

The librarian orders books, audio books, and DVDs regularly throughout the year, pacing spending with appropriated money lasting through December, or longer as needed by the budget and funding.

The librarian also regularly discards materials from the collection to provide current information and space for newer requested material.

Interlibrary is provided free of charge if requested from another Evergreen Indiana library.

Parents are responsible for overseeing what their children read and encouraged to read to their children and to listen to their children read. The library cannot know the values of each family and the details of all the materials in the library, nor can it allow only certain materials or certain people. However, library patrons must be at least 18 years old to borrow videos. Parents may read, hear, or view materials before sharing them with their children to ensure that the children view materials meeting their parents' approval.

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