

Censorship Policy

The selection of library books and materials is predicated on the library patron's right to read, and similarly, his freedom from censorship by others. Many books are controversial and any given item may offend some persons. Selections for the Library will not, however, be made on the basis of anticipated approval or disapproval, but solely on the merits of the material in relation to the building of the collection and to serving the interest of the readers. This Library holds censorship to be a purely individual matter and declares that -- while anyone is free to reject for himself books and other materials of which he does not approve -- he cannot exercise this right of censorship to restrict the freedom of others.

With respect to the use of library materials by children, the decision as to what a minor may read is the responsibility of his parent or guardian. Selection will not be inhibited by the possibility that books may inadvertently come into the possession of minors.

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