

KITSAP REGIONAL LIBRARY

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The Kitsap Regional Library Collection Development Policy serves to guide librarians and inform the public regarding the principles on which the Library materials are selected, maintained and deselected.

The emphasis in collection development is on providing an active, frequently used collection of print and media resources that support the mission of Kitsap Regional Library. In addition the Library provides further access to the world of knowledge and ideas through electronic access and inter-library loan. Collection depth is at a basic informational level that serves to introduce and define a subject, to indicate the varieties of information available and to support the needs of the general Library user. The Library will have a limited collection of: monographs, reference works, representative general periodicals and remotely-accessed, electronic databases.

The Library is responsible for providing material to residents of all ages, backgrounds and opinions so that a variety of viewpoints are represented. Selection of materials by the Library does not indicate an endorsement of the contents or views expressed in those materials.

Kitsap Regional Library's Board of Trustees considers reading, viewing and listening to be individual matters. While any user is free to select or reject materials for themselves or their own minor children, the freedom of other Library users to read or inquire will not be restricted. The Library would never presume to usurp the role of the parent. Only parents and guardians have the right and responsibility to guide the reading, viewing and listening choices of their own minor children. The Library does not stand in the place of parents (*in loco parentis*).¹

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