

Collection Development Policy

i. Selection Policy

- The selection policy of the Hopkins District library supports the general mission of the Library, the *Library Bill of Rights** and the *Freedom to Read Statement**.
- All acquisitions, before being purchased or accepted as gifts, are evaluated in terms of the following criteria and in the context of economic and space considerations. An item will not necessarily be judged against all criteria, but against those appropriate and applicable to it. These same standards determine the replacement, duplication, and withdrawal of materials.
- The Library will:
 - o Provide a collection that anticipates the needs and numbers of potential users. Consider public demand, both specific and general, as expressed through requests, suggestions, and use to develop the collection. Consider the availability of the same, or similar, materials in other libraries or agencies. Consider the need for all subjects covered and viewpoints expressed. Consider the effect that subjects and viewpoints selected have on developing a balanced collection. Consider the appropriateness to scope of the collection as it is developed.
- Selectors will consider these characteristics when selecting:
 - o Literary or stylistic quality. Reputations, qualifications, and significance of author, producer, or publisher. Accuracy, currency, timeliness, and validity. Importance and uniqueness. Physical quality and effectiveness of format. Appropriateness of format to subject. Cost, as measured against competing materials on the same subject. Suitability for intended audience.
- *As adopted by the Council of the American Library Association