

## **Materials Selection**

This policy for the selection of library materials for the use of the public has been developed as a flexible guide for all those concerned with the selection process for the Leon Public Library. It is intended to be a broad guide and not a procedural manual.

The board of trustees recognizes that within the library's service area there are groups and individuals with widely separate and diverse interests, backgrounds, cultural heritages, social values and needs. The board further recognizes that the library was created to serve all of the people within the service area regardless of age, race, creed, national origin, political or social views, or physical ability. Therefore, the selection policy for library materials shall be as follows:

The librarians working with the advice of the Board will select materials and develop the collection. It is not the intention to restrict the librarians in the selection of materials because of their subject matter or political affiliations of the author, but rather to urge and recommend the librarians to use their best judgment as professionals in making selections, being guided by:

1. The mission and roles of the library.
2. Reviews of materials in various trade publications.
3. Examination of preview collections.
4. Lists of recommended or award books.
5. Need for development of specific areas of the collection.
6. Past experience and familiarity with patronage.
7. Popular demand/patron requests.
8. Availability of funds.

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