

4.1.7 Basis for Exclusion

The Library reserves the right to exclude materials that are judged to appeal purely to a taste for sensationalism or pornography. However, a serious work that illustrates some problem or aspect of life will not be excluded because its language or subject matter may be offensive to some readers. While inflammatory, sensational, or prejudicial materials are not generally purchased, some such may be acquired because they have influenced mature critical thinking either recently or in the past.

The Library recognizes that some materials are controversial and that any item may offend some patrons. Selections will not be made on the basis of any anticipated approval or disapproval, but solely on the merits of the work in relation to the building of the collection and to serving the interests of readers.

Library materials will not be marked or identified to show approval or disapproval of the contents, and cataloged books or other items will not be placed on closed shelves except for the express purpose of protecting rare or valuable items from injury or theft.

Responsibility for the use of Library material by children rests with their parents or legal guardians. Selection will not be inhibited by the possibility that controversial items may come into the possession of children.