

Collection Development

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Clinton Public Library Board of Trustees endorses ALA's statements and interpretations of: Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read, and Freedom to View. Materials selected in accordance with the library's Collection Development Policy are considered protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Clinton Public Library's Collection Developments revolves around the following goals:

- 1. Supporting life-long learning by providing free access to diverse and balanced collections, and combining a blend of traditional print materials with an expanding body of electronic media and technological resources for patrons of all ages.**

Staff continuously monitors circulation patterns to facilitate informed and timely material selections, while anticipating and responding to patrons' recreational and cultural preferences, and informational and educational needs. Collection development priorities include the acquisition of current, high-demand, and high-interest materials for all patrons.

The library seeks to supplement specific budget line items by appropriating portions of existing grant and foundation funds to expand targeted collections. The Director seeks funding through grants and corporate sponsors to provide public access to unique local collections. The library accepts materials from the public to incorporate into its collections, where appropriate, and reserves the right to not add donated items to the collection but to dispose of those items as outlined in library policy.

- 2. Increasing public awareness of various collections and online resources available through the library.**

Staff is encouraged to create onsite and online displays of seasonal or topical materials to highlight overlooked collections and create eye catching displays within the collections to attract browsers. Increasing staff awareness and providing adequate in-house training helps promote these resources through various media and online outlets. Additionally, staff helps distribute supporting documentation in the form of handouts, brochures, and bookmarks and offers individual and group demonstrations on resource use.

- 3. Emphasize currency and relevance in all collections.**

All collections are weeded continually to ensure high quality collections comprised of current, relevant, and highly-desired items, employing the CREW method and other necessary techniques to ensure adequate space for subsequent acquisitions. Databases and online collections are evaluated annually to determine usage and viability, while staff explores new and emerging information resources for possible inclusion or replacement.