

POLICY MANUAL

Fallon County Library Baker MT

Materials Selection Policy

The Board of Fallon County Library, recognizing the backgrounds and needs of all citizens, regardless of race, creed, or political persuasion, declares as a matter of materials selection policy that:

1. Materials selection shall be vested in the Library Director. Any book or library materials so selected shall be held to be selected by the Board.
2. The Fallon County Library Board adopts and declares that it will adhere to and support: a. The Library Bill of Rights; and b. The Freedom to Read Statement adopted by the American Library Association, both of which are made a part of this policy.
3. The Fallon County Library Board declares that whenever censorship is involved no book or library material shall be removed from the library save under the orders of a court of competent jurisdiction.
4. The Fallon County Library Board encourages gifts of money, real property, and/or stock to be used to improve library services. Items donated become sole property of Fallon County Library and will be added or discarded at the discretion of the Library Director.
5. The following criteria is to be used when adding new or gift items to the collection:
 - Relevance to the present/potential needs of the community
 - Accuracy, timeliness, currency, and validity
 - Current or historical significance of author or subject
 - Suitability of the physical form for library use
 - Public demand and/or local interest
 - Comparison with other available titles in existing collection
 - Cost
 - Scarcity of materials on the subject
 - Comprehension and depth of treatment
 - Diversity of viewpoint
 - Literary style, importance, or originality
 - Cultural significance and critical acclaim
 - Sustained interest
6. Complaints regarding any item in the collection will be handled according to the library's **Reconsideration Policy**, a copy of which is attached.

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