

SELECTION POLICY  
OF THE  
NORTH BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library Board of Trustees believes that it is desirable and in the public interest that the North Babylon Public Library provide books, compact discs, DVD's and formats not yet in use, and other audiovisual materials which represent the widest diversity of views and expression, including those which are unorthodox or unpopular with the majority. The collection should be community driven and should limit wasted energy and natural resources.

The librarian is responsible to the Board for the selection of materials and the development of the collection. This includes de-selection/weeding. It is not the Trustees' intention to restrict the librarian in the selection of materials whether because of their subject matter or their author, but rather to urge and recommend that he or she use his or her best judgement as a professional librarian in making selections, being guided in his or her choice by the evaluation of the work's merit, authenticity and honesty of presentation.

We wish to emphasize that the presence of a magazine, book or audiovisual material in the library does not constitute or imply agreement or endorsement of its content by the Library Board or staff.

We believe that it is contrary to the public interest for the Library Board, the librarian or any individual or any group, to determine the acceptability or unacceptability of a work on the basis of the personal history or political affiliation of the author, producer, artist or filmmaker.

Triple Bottom Line Considerations: community-driven collection development, seek to limit wasted energy and natural resources in the library's collection. Every effort should be taken to be as inclusive and possible in designing and managing the collection.

All of our orders are done on line using: Baker and Taylor Title Source 360, MidWest, Abdo, Gale/Centgage/Thorndike as the major vendors.

Disposal of unwanted materials - recycle, reuse, repurpose or donate.

Librarians will determine optimal collection size based on use.

In the final analysis, we are in agreement with the American Library Association's Freedom to Read Statement, which says, in part:

"We trust Americans to recognize propaganda and to reject obscenity. We do not believe they need the help of censors to assist them in this task. We do not believe they are prepared to sacrifice their heritage of a free press in order to be 'protected' against what others think may be bad for them. We believe they still favor free enterprise in ideas and expression."

We are also in agreement with the American Library Association's Freedom to View Statement, which says, in part:

"The Freedom to View, along with the freedom to speak, to hear, and to read, is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. In a free society, there is no place for censorship of any medium of expression."

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Request for Review of Library Material by the Board of Trustees  
Add pages if necessary

Author/Artist/Producer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Complainant \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

1. How was the item brought to your attention? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. To what do you object? (Please be specific, cite specific sections)

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3. What do you feel might be the result of reading/hearing/viewing this  
item? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Do you feel this item has any redeeming qualities? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. For what age group would you recommend this item? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Did you read/hear/see the item in its entirety? \_\_\_\_\_ What  
parts? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you aware of the media reviews of this item? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What do you believe is the theme of this item? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Other \_\_\_\_\_

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