

Grand Valley Public Library

Collection Development Policy

Purpose

To provide a statement of philosophy and identify key objectives that reflect the Mission Statement and Strategic Priorities of the Grand Valley Public Library with regard to the collection development and management. The library's collection policy outlines the philosophy and key objectives of the library's collections development. The ultimate accountability for the management of Library collections lies with the Chief Librarian.

The Collection Development Policy provides direction and guidance for the Collection Development and Management Plan:

1. Within budgetary and space limitations, the collections will serve to enhance the cultural, literary, aesthetic, educational, and entertainment pursuits of Library users and the needs of the community as a whole.
2. The Library will provide a high-quality collection of books and other materials in a variety of formats and languages for all ages.
3. The collection will be responsive to the needs and interests of the community and reflective of the diversity of the community.
4. To support an informed public, the collections shall represent diverse points of view, and may include materials that some members of the public consider to be controversial in nature.
5. The Library will provide free and equitable access to Library collections to all users.
6. In selecting materials, Library staff will use professional reference resources, judgment, knowledge and experience to select these materials, and will proactively solicit advice from, as well as anticipate the needs and interests of the community.
7. The Grand Valley Public Library endorses the following general library principles. These statements are found at the end of this document.
 - a. Canadian Library Association Statement on Intellectual Freedom.
 - b. Ontario Library Association Statement on the Intellectual Rights of the Individual.
 - c. Ontario Library Association Statement on Children's Rights in the Public Library.
 - d. American Library Association Statement on Teen rights in the Public Library.

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