

Wallingford Public Library Selection of Materials Policy

The Library Director develops the acquisitions budget and may participate in and/or delegate to librarians the responsibility for selection, purchase and weeding as outlined in the Guidelines for Selection and Management of Library Materials.

With the guidance of the Library Director, librarians have the authority to:

- Approve or disapprove selection recommendations from other staff and the public.
- Make final decisions on the withdrawal of circulating materials, the rebinding of books, repackaging of audiovisual materials, replacement orders, and the addition of gifts to the cataloged circulating collection.
- Review various collections in the library, evaluate the contents, and make reports and recommendations to the Library Director.

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Reconsideration of Library Materials Policy

A public library must reflect within its collection differing points of view on controversial or debatable subjects. The Wallingford Public Library does not promulgate particular beliefs or views, nor does the selection of an item express or imply an endorsement of the author's viewpoint. Library materials will not be marked or identified to show approval or disapproval of the contents, nor will items be sequestered, except for the purpose of protecting them from damage or theft.

Comments from members of the community about the collection or individual items in the collection frequently provide librarians with useful information about interests or needs that may not be adequately met by the collection. The Library welcomes expression of opinion by patrons, but will be governed by the Guidelines for Selection and Management of Library Materials in making additions to or deleting items from the collection. Patrons are encouraged to contact the Library Director directly when they have concerns about an item in the collection.

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The Wallingford Public Library affirms the American Library Association's [Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read Statement](#).