

# Collection Development Policy

The Towanda District Library shall protect the intellectual freedom of the library user, and shall prevent censorship of its library materials, ensuring items are not withdrawn from its library collection merely because individuals or groups object to the material.

1. Responsibility for selection of all library materials shall be that of the director.
2. Materials are added to the collection based on the following criteria:
  - Relevance to community needs
  - Current or historical significance
  - Attention of critics and reviews
  - Limitation of space
  - Budgetary constraints
  - Availability
  - Need for additional points of view to provide well-rounded collection
  - Age and accuracy
3. Removing materials from the collection is at the discretion of the Library Director. Library materials may be removed upon being deemed no longer useful, unnecessary, or for other reasons.
4. Collection materials that have been removed may be placed in our on-going book sale or recycled based on the condition of the item.
5. Materials to be discarded or donated need board approval if the individual values are over \$250.00. Materials having a current value of over \$250.00 and under \$1,000 may be traded or sold in accordance with the Illinois Library Laws 75 ILCS 10/13, upon board approval.