

AVON FREE LIBRARY

MATERIALS SELECTION POLICY

1. The responsibility for the **collection** rests with the Library Board. The responsibility for **selection of materials** rest with the Director, who delegates this task to qualified staff. They may in turn consult with others in the community who have a variety of expertise in their respective fields.
2. The selection of library materials should be based on a comprehensive knowledge of the nature and special characteristics of both the Avon community and/or Livingston County.
3. The collection should include subjects of permanent value and current general interest on international, national and local levels.
4. A “complete” collection of library materials should not be the goal, but the best and most useful materials should be selected. Some materials may be acquired primarily on the basis of their artistic merit, scholarship or value to humanity, while others are selected to satisfy the informational, recreational or educational interests of the community.
5. Materials for individuals of varying ages, educational levels and interest should be acquired.
6. The library acquires a wide range of materials in a variety of formats according to their suitability for public library use and their cost effectiveness. Each type of material is considered in terms of its own merit and its intended audience.
7. Wherever possible, the library will provide materials to anticipate the needs and interests of potential users.
8. Gift materials will be judged by the same standards that apply to purchased materials. (See “Gift Policy.”)
9. The collection is maintained by retaining or replacing essential materials and removing, on a systematic and continuous basis, those works that are worn, outdated, or no longer in demand.
10. No library materials shall be excluded based on expressions of race, religion, nationality, or political / social views.
11. Censorship is a purely individual matter. Responsibility for the reading/viewing/listening material of children and adolescents rests with their parent or legal guardian. The library does not stand **in loco parentis**. This policy defends the principles of freedom to read, view or hear.