

North Greenbush Public Library

Material Selection Policy

The objective of the North Greenbush Public Library is to provide selected materials, print and non-print-media within the limitations of space and budget, to aid individuals at all age levels in pursuit of education and enjoyment of leisure time. The ultimate responsibility for selection and disposal of materials rests with the Library Director, operating with the framework of policies and objectives determined by the Library Board of Trustees. The materials in the North Greenbush Public Library shall be selected, organized, preserved and made available to all library users. As part of this policy, North Greenbush Public Library endorses the principals adopted by the American Library Association in the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Statement. Both documents are available at www.ala.org

Criteria for selection of library materials:

1. Importance of to the collection
2. Permanent or timely value
3. Supportive educational, cultural and civic activities in the community
4. Historical value
5. Price

Withdrawal of materials from the collection is an integral part of collection development. Library material is discarded when the subject matter is out of date, when demand has significantly decreased, or when material is physically worn out. Responsibility for collections maintenance and the disposition of withdrawn materials rests with the Library Director. Withdrawn items may be offered to other libraries or non-profit organizations, recycled or discarded.

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