



Materials Selection Policy

The Lindenhurst Memorial Library Board of Trustees believes that it is in the public interest that the Library provide books and non-print materials which represent the widest diversity of views and expression.

Ultimate responsibility for materials selection rests with the Library Director, who operates within the framework of policies determined by the Library Board. Materials are selected with the aid of standard professional reviewing periodicals and online sites.

Library materials are selected for values of interest, information, recreation and enlightenment of all the people in the community. In no instance shall any material be excluded because of the race, nationality, political or religious views of the creator. It is the obligation of the Lindenhurst Memorial Library to provide material presenting all points of view concerning the issues of our time – international, national, and local.

Material of sound factual authority should not be removed from the Library collection because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval. All material shall be judged as a whole, and no work shall be judged for exclusion by taking single passages out of context and basing condemnation of that material on such lifted passages.

While an individual is free to reject materials of which one does not approve; one cannot exercise this right of censorship to restrict the freedom of others to read, listen, or view materials. The Board of Trustees supports the principles of the Freedom to Read Statement adopted by the American Library Association and declares that whenever censorship is involved, no material shall be removed or made unavailable from the Library, except under the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Gifts and/or donated materials must meet the same standards as acquisitions, and the giver of the donated materials or gift does not have a say if the materials are suitable for inclusion in the

circulating collection. (See also the “gifts and donation” section of the Financial Management Policy for further clarification on this topic.)

A patron may file a “Request for Reconsideration of a Library Material” (forms available on our policy page of the website, and can be printed for a patron at any customer service desk.) The Library Director will review the request and a response will be provided within fifteen (15) business days to the complainant. If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision, an appeal may be made to the Board of Trustees.

The Director and staff continually evaluate the Library’s collections. From time to time it is necessary or advisable to discard materials in the Library’s collections. In general, materials which are out of date, for which there is unlikely to be future interest, for which multiple copies are no longer needed, which are in formats or editions which have been superseded, or which are in poor condition, should not be kept in the collection. The Director and staff will work to assure that the collection is weeded on an ongoing basis to provide room for new and more popular materials and to keep the collection current and up to date. It is the Director’s responsibility to establish criteria for discarding items. Such items may be disposed of in any legal manner, including library book sales. In accordance with the Library’s Sustainability Policy, items that are discarded that can be re-homed to other agencies, recycled, or re-purposed will be put to productive use instead of being sent to a landfill.

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Request for Reconsideration of Library Resources

If you wish to request reconsideration of library resources, return the completed form to: Lisa Kropp, Library Director, Lindenhurst Memorial Library, One Lee Ave., Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Request Initiated By: Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Do you represent: Self? ____ Group/Organization? (Please name): _____

Resource on which you are commenting: ____ Book ____ Magazine ____ DVD/Video ____
Display/Exhibit ____ Magazine ____ Library Program ____ Audio Recording
____ Newspaper ____ Electronic information/network (please specify) _____
____ Other (please specify) _____

Title _____

Author/Producer _____

Please use the other side or attach additional pages if necessary for the following:

2. What brought this resource to your attention? _____

3. Have you examined the entire resource? YES _____ NO _____

4. What, specifically, concerns you/do you object to regarding the resource? (List specific objections/concerns/recommendations;) _____

5. Are there resource(s) you suggest to provide additional information and/or other viewpoints on this topic? _____

6. What would you like to see Lindenhurst Memorial Library do about this resource?

Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

Date Rec'd/Staff Initials: _____

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