



# COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Yuma, a multicultural community in the southwest corner of Arizona bordering Mexico, is an agricultural trade center, military base town, and tourist mecca. It is a growing community. The Yuma County Library District, in its role as the center for information, community enrichment, recreational reading, and lifelong learning, provides access to resources in a variety of print, non-print, and electronic formats that meet the varied needs, abilities, and backgrounds of Yuma County's citizens -- encompassing language, cultural, and age differences. The Library District derives its funding from a secondary property tax, as the Yuma County Free Library District.

The Library District selects, acquires, organizes, maintains, shares, and encourages the use of print, non-print, and electronic materials reflecting divergent points of view. Items not purchased may be available from other libraries through interlibrary loan services.

Materials selection is performed by the Library Collection Manager and Library District staff. Suggestions from members of the community are encouraged. Community needs, collection development criteria, and space and budget limitations determine which items are chosen. Children and Young Adult materials are selected to encourage lifelong reading interests through recreational enjoyment and intellectual growth. Responsibility for a minor's access to materials rests with that minor's parents or legal guardians. The Library Collection Manager and material selectors are also responsible for regularly evaluating materials in their selection areas, and for deselecting obsolete items. In most cases, the library will not collect self-published materials that are not reviewed in established review journals. Exceptions may be made for self-published materials of local interest that meet the selection guidelines.

It is possible that an item in the collection may be found objectionable by a particular individual or group. Upon the written request of a library patron, an item will be reviewed, as per established procedure.

The Library District accepts donations and has a Gifts Policy. The selection standards for purchased items are also used to determine which donated materials will be added to the collection.

The Library District has incorporated as part of this policy the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Statement, as adopted by the American Library Association.

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