

# Cache County Library

## Collection Development Policy - Approved by Library Board July 9, 2025

The Cache County Library upholds the right of the individual to access information. Access to our collection will not be limited or denied because of origin, race, religion, age, background, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or views. These factors shall also not be cause to exclude any materials, authors, artists, or other creators from the collection.

Library materials are intended to expand the minds and interests, support recreational reading, encourage and increase reading skills, supplement their educational needs, help them recognize and appreciate literature, and reflect the diversity of the community and our world for all ages but especially for children and teenagers. The Cache County library collections include a variety of diverse materials that may include subject matter that is challenging for some readers. We encourage library patrons to seek out information that will expand their cultural understanding of our world. The Library will not restrict any of its collection materials by the possibility that materials come into a child's possession. Parents are ultimately responsible for the reading and viewing activity of their children. The Cache County Library encourages parents to talk to their children about what they read and watch.

### Selection Criteria

The Library Director holds ultimate responsibility for selecting and purchasing books and other materials for the library. As a trained librarian they use their training, knowledge, and expertise along with the following general criteria to select materials for the collection:

- Relevance and interests of the needs of the community
- Demand from patrons
- Current or historical significance of the author or subject
- Relationship to the current collection's strengths and weaknesses
- Appropriateness of format to Library circulation and use
- Date of publication
- Price, availability, and Library materials budget
- Online resources are also evaluated based on accessibility and the availability of library licensing agreements.

### Additionally:

- Selection of materials does not imply agreement with, or approval of, the viewpoints expressed.
- Materials are evaluated as a whole work and not by selected passages or scenes.
- Individual items which may be considered controversial or offensive by some may be selected if it will contribute to the overall variety and balance of the collection.
- Cache County Library does not offer textbooks or other school curriculum
- Staff are unable to review in entirety each item that is selected, acquired, or donated.

## **Patron Recommendations**

Patron recommendations for collection are welcomed and evaluated by the criteria listed above.

## **Managing our Collection**

The Cache County Library's collection is maintained in a manner to satisfy the informational, educational, recreational, and cultural needs of the community. The collection is primarily composed of circulating fiction and non-fiction materials. As items are added, others are reviewed for their value, current relevance, and condition and may sometimes be withdrawn from the collection. Decisions are made based on patterns of use and physical space available in the library building. Staff review the collection regularly to maintain its usefulness to the community.

## **Criteria for weeding**

- Damage or poor condition
- Relevancy to the needs and interest of the community
- Infrequent use and lack of demand
- Inaccuracy
- Availability from other libraries and online

## **Book Donations**

Each item donated to the library becomes the property of the library to be used as the library sees fit, including added to the collection, kept as a replacement, sold, donated, or recycled.

Book donation acceptance rests solely on the discretion of the library staff. Materials deemed not useful to the library based on condition, age, relevance, format will not be accepted.