



Hortonville Public Library

Collection Development Policy

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The library maintains a growing collection of items in a variety of mediums and genres to support the literary, informational, and cultural needs of the community it serves. Purchases for the collection are based largely on the interests of patrons, determined through compiling data from surveys and through monitoring and responding to patron requests and holds levels. Purchases are also determined through careful consideration of new items which contribute to the intellectual and entertainment value of the collection. Ultimately, collection development fits into the library's larger strategic plan and is designed to follow this plan.

- **Children's, Juvenile, and Young Adult Books:** Materials for children and young adults are intended to support recreational reading, encourage and facilitate reading skills, supplement educational needs, stimulate and widen interests, and lead to recognition and appreciation of literature. The reading and viewing activity of children is ultimately the responsibility of parents, who guide and oversee their own children's development. Materials are chosen based on patron requests, holds levels, and consideration of professional reviews and popularity. Materials collected for the Children's, Juvenile, and Young Adult genres share equal importance and together make up roughly 17% of new additions to the collection.
- **Adult Books:** Materials for adults are intended to support recreational reading, stimulate and widen interests and worldviews, provide valuable information, promote lifelong learning, and increase recognition and appreciation of literature. Materials are chosen based on patron requests, holds levels, and consideration of professional reviews and popularity. Materials collected for the Adult genres of fiction and nonfiction share equal importance and each claim between 10-12% of new additions to the collection for a total of 20-24%. An additional 2% of new additions to the collection are large print items and an additional 2-3% are items destined for the library's Wisconsin collection.
- **Audiovisual Materials:** Audiovisual materials, including movies, music, and audiobooks, have a high cultural value for their entertainment and accessibility. Materials are chosen based on patron requests, holds levels, and consideration of professional reviews and popularity. Together, these items make up between 10-12% of new additions to the collection, with roughly 6% reserved for movies, 2-3% for music, and 1-2% for audiobooks.
- **Periodicals:** Periodicals are a source of highly accessible and constantly updated information. The library recognizes the value of this genre to maintain up-to-date information on topics that are more accessible to patrons in an abbreviated format as opposed to an entire book on the subject. For that reason, periodicals, including magazines, journals, and newspapers, make up roughly 45% of new additions to the collection. Of the periodicals maintained, 12% are local or regional interest, 15% are geared towards children or families, and additional emphases are placed on the following subjects: cooking, health, and outdoor activities.

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