



CENSORSHIP

The Library Board recognizes censorship as a purely individual matter and believes one is free to accept or reject material on a personal basis.

Censorship of books, urged or practiced by volunteer arbiters of morals or political opinion or by organizations that would establish a coercive concept of any issue will be opposed by the Library Board.

No book shall be excluded on the basis of race, nationality, political, social or religious views of the author. Books and other reading matter of sound factual authority shall not be proscribed or removed from the library shelves because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

The basis for selection shall be a positive one, and material will be objectively selected for what is good in it rather than rejected for what is bad in it. No books shall be judged for exclusion by taking single passages out of context and basing condemnation of that book on such lifted passages.

The Library Board emphasizes that the presence of any print or non-print material in the library does not indicate an endorsement of its contents by the Library Board or staff.

Patrons who object to the presence of specific materials in the Library should complete a special form setting forth their objections.

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