



Holderness Free Library

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Collection Development Policy

The Holderness Free Library supports the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read Statement, and Freedom to View Statement and the Access for Children and Young People to Videotapes and other Nonprint materials.

The Holderness Free Library aims to provide materials that will meet the educational, information, cultural, and recreational needs and interests of the entire community. To this end, the Library endeavors to purchase those materials which are permanent and current value and which represent the best available to meet the community's interests and needs.

Ultimate responsibility for selection policy lies with the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees delegates to the Library Director the authority and the responsibility for the selection of library materials and for the development of the collection.

Materials are judged by the standards appropriate to their purposes and nature. Not all guides and criteria are applicable to every item and they vary in relation to importance. These guidelines include accuracy of information, reputation and significance of the author, extent of coverage, literary quality, originality and imagination, timelessness, quality of production, reputation, and standards of the publisher, and professional reviewers.

The Holderness Free Library cooperates with the surrounding schools and other New Hampshire libraries, but cannot perform the function of meeting all curricular needs. The Library will strive to meet these needs within reason.

Materials which are no longer useful to the Library are to be systematically weeded from the collection according to the accepted professional practices. Specifically the *CREW* and or *MUSTIE* method(s).

Damaged materials will be replaced if they are still popular or have special merit.

In the event that a patron objects to a particular item of items in the collection they will be asked to fill out a Request for Reconsideration form in its entirety. The request shall be reviewed by the Library Director and the material will be evaluated based on the complaint. The Library Director will draft a written decision, notify the Chair of the Board of Library Trustees of the objection, and upon approval of the Board, send the written decision to the patron. Should

the patron wish to appeal the decision, they would notify the Boars and request an appointment at the next regularly scheduled Trustee meeting. In the event of an appeal, the decision of the Library Board of Trustees is final.

Donations of materials may be accepted by the Library Director at their discretion. The Library Director reserves the right to dispose of gifted materials as they deem advisable. This fact shall be known to the donor before the acceptance of the gift.

Approved by the Holderness Board of Trustees on 1/11/2022