



Material Selection Policy

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The Sharon Springs Free Library acquires and makes available materials, which inform, educate, entertain and enrich. In its selection of materials, the Sharon Springs Free Library endorses the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Statement, as adopted by the American Library Association. To achieve these ends, the Sharon Springs Free Library provides materials and services to residents of all ages. It seeks to direct and stimulate life-long learning by offering a carefully selected collection of materials and skilled professional guidance in their use.

Since it is not possible for any library to acquire all materials, it is necessary that every library employ a policy of selectivity in acquisitions. The Sharon Springs Free Library provides, within its financial limitations, a collection of reliable materials embracing broad areas of knowledge. Included are works of enduring value as well as materials on current issues. Within the framework of those broad objectives, selection is based on community need, those expressed and those inferred from study of community demographics and evidence of areas of interest.

The library will challenge censorship of any materials in order to provide complete and accurate information on all sides of an issue, and to foster a climate of intellectual freedom for area residents. The library will not promote specific beliefs or views, but will provide suitable material to enable the public to make informed and intelligent decisions.

The responsibility for material selection lies with the Sharon Springs Free Library Director following guidelines set by the Board of Trustees. Impartiality and judicious selection shall be exercised in all material selection practices. Recommendations from the public are welcome.

The choice of library materials by library users is an individual matter. While an individual may reject materials for himself, he cannot exercise censorship to restrict access to materials by others. Any individual expressing an objection to or concern about library material should receive respectful attention. To this end, said individual may present said concern(s), either in person or in writing, to the Library Director and/or Board of Trustees.