

# Collections Policy—Perry Carnegie Library

## Selection

Selection of library materials will be based on subject, currency, reader interest, format, and cost. The library will make available a diversity of materials including controversial subjects. The Children's Librarian is expected to take an active role in making recommendations to the Director that relate to their area of expertise.

## Maintenance

Weeding of library materials is necessary to maintain a relevant collection. The library will use a rotating schedule to select items for removal. Evaluation of the materials should take into consideration repair possibilities, duplicate copies, similar material in the collection, later or more authoritative materials and current demand.

## Challenged Materials

Because we are a public library, parents and legal guardians are encouraged to assist their children with materials selection. We believe that parents or groups shouldn't act in a censorship role to try to limit what other children or adults read.

Any individual who desires may express their objections to library material by completing a Challenged Materials form. After the form is completed in full, it will be brought to the attention of the Library Director who will search for book reviews, awards, and form an opinion concerning the complaint. The Library Director will then respond to the person making the objection. Any remaining objections will be addressed by the City Manager.

As the City of Perry does not act in a censorship role, the decision whether to retain the material in the collection shall not be based on the individual political, moral or aesthetic views of the City Manager, Library Director, or other member(s) of City Administration. Materials in the collection shall not constitute an endorsement of the views contained in them by the City of Perry. Perry Carnegie Library subscribes to the Library Bill of Rights, which states that the freedom to read is essential in a democracy and guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. It would conflict with public interest for the City of Perry to impose its own views for determining what materials should be made available to the public.

*Approved by the Library Board/City Council October 16th, 2017*