MATERIALS SELECTION AND DISPOSAL POLICY

A. The Ocean Shores Library develops its collection to meet the needs of the patrons of the Library by considering such factors as: public interest, community relevance, patron requests, timeliness of topic, current or historical significance of the author and subject, reading enjoyment, popularity of materials, technical quality of production, and diversity of viewpoint.

B. The Library seeks to provide an unbiased and diverse source of information of sufficient depth and breadth to meet community needs.

C. The Director of the Library has responsibility for selecting materials for inclusion in the collection and such materials shall be considered to have been approved by the Board of Trustees.

D. Selection of materials by the Library does not mean endorsement of the contents or views expressed by the materials.

E. We recognize that some materials that contribute to the range of viewpoints in the collection and to the effectiveness of the library’s ability to serve the community may be controversial or offensive to some patrons or staff. That materials are controversial or offensive to some is not in and of itself reason to exclude the material from the collection.

F. Patrons may suggest materials for inclusion in the collection by filling out a “Request for Consideration” form. Patrons may request reconsideration of materials already in the collection by submitting a written request on the “Citizen’s Request For Reconsideration of a Library Book” form.

G. Discarding materials is an important part of maintaining the integrity of the collection. The Director of the Library shall determine which materials in the collection no longer meet the needs of the library and shall destroy such materials or donate them to the Ocean Shores Friends of the Library in accordance with
RCW 39.33.070. The Ocean Shores Friends of the Library is a non-profit corporation, which uses its resources to support and enhance the Library.

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