

Grove City Community Library Statement of Book Policy

Each public library should adopt a written statement of clear and specific objectives. The statement of purpose should be reviewed periodically, and if necessary, revised in the light of new developments.

American Library Association

Purpose

The Grove City Community Library's purpose is to provide to all members the best possible educational, cultural, informational and recreational media within the limits of its financial ability. The library is primarily an educational institution and service to the public is its first consideration.

Criteria For Selection

All books are selected by the librarian under the supervision of the Library Board. This selection is made from lists of recommended books compiled by literary experts for the small public library. Serious works are not excluded because of controversial subject matter or coarse language. Books about local places, people and events are usually acquired.

Gifts

Gifts of books and materials accepted by the Grove City Community Library are judged upon the same basis as purchased materials. They are considered with the explicit understanding that such factors as duplication, lack of community interest, processing costs or inadequate shelf space may prevent their addition to the collection or permanent retention on the shelves. Gifts are accepted with the understanding that the library, if it cannot use them, may at any time discard them in any way it sees fit. Gifts of books by local authors will be welcomed.

Memorials

The library will only accept a cash gift for memorial books. A minimum amount will be set by the librarian and the Library Board. The same standards of selection are applied to memorial gifts as to materials purchased from library funds.

Tax Exemption

The value of books given to the library which are intended for a tax write-off must be determined by the donor and not the librarian.

Beatty B. Williams

Many books are purchased from dividend money received from Cooper Energy Services Stock purchased by Beatty B. Williams. A special Beatty B. Williams book plate will be placed in the front of each book.

Maintaining Collection

Weeding should be done systematically with regard to outdated information, newer education and basic books.

The Book Policy Statement will be reviewed periodically by members of the Library Board and may be amended at any time.

We are in agreement with the American Library Association's Freedom to Read statement and the Library Bill of Rights.

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