

Homer Public Library Selection Policy

The purpose of Homer Public Library is to provide a variety of materials which communicate experience and ideas from one person to another. The library's function is to assemble, preserve and to make easily and freely available to all people print and non-print material.

The library collection will provide its users a source of life-long learning and entertainment. The materials will encourage the exploration of ideas and provide a point of access to learn of different cultures and ways of life.

The library attempts to provide a general collection of materials embracing the broader fields of knowledge, with due regard for variations in educational level, reading ability and reading interest. Materials to satisfy specialized interests may be purchased if real or potential demand exists. The library also recognizes an immediate duty to make available materials for enlightenment and recreation, even though such materials may not have enduring interest or value.

All requests from patrons for specific titles or subjects will be considered. If enough demand or interest in a particular title or subject exists, the item may be purchased. In an effort to assure all citizens of their constitutional right to freedom of information, the Homer Library subscribes to the Library Bill of Rights as adopted by the American Library Association and endorses the Association's Statement of Intellectual Freedom. (See Attached copies of these statements.)

Selection of materials is done by the Director and the staff.

Criteria for Selection, Duplication, Replacement or Withdrawal of Library Materials

The library staff shall use the following general criteria in the selection, duplication, replacement and withdrawal of library material. One or more of the following criteria may apply to the item being considered:

- Patron requests for the material
- Usefulness and appeal
- Appropriateness of format, content and style
- Value of the material in relation to the whole collection
- Availability of special materials in more comprehensive library collections in the area
- Accuracy of the material
- Space available to house the item
- Budgetary considerations