



COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

Goals

A core function of the Chapel Hill Public Library is to collect, curate, and make accessible library materials in a wide variety of formats that respond to community interests and demographics. The library's goal is to maintain a popular, up-to-date collection attuned to the diverse needs of Chapel Hill residents. Collection formats, subject matter, and target audiences will be reflective of community demand.

Evaluation Criteria

The same evaluation criteria will be used to add and remove materials from the collection.

- Popular demand
- Evaluation of critical reviews
- Established authority of author or publisher
- Current or long-term significance
- Accuracy and timeliness
- Relationship to existing collection
- Price, format, condition, and ease of use
- Responsibilities

The Library Director has ultimate authority for the collections. The Director shares this responsibility with the staff of professional librarians.

Intellectual Freedom

The Chapel Hill Public Library subscribes fully to the principles adopted by the American Library Association in its Library Bill of Rights and interpretive statements.

Gifts and Donations

When the library receives a monetary donation for the purchase of materials, selection is made in accordance with these Collection Development Guidelines.

The library accepts donations of materials, including works by local authors. The library reserves the right to use any donation as it sees fit. Upon receipt, all donations become property of the Library. The Library does not return, nor does it track the status of, donations.

Materials Not Collected

The Library may choose not to add materials to the collection that do not meet its evaluation criteria.