

LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION

Materials for school libraries in Plainfield will be recommended for purchase by the professional personnel of the libraries and approved by the principal. All materials purchased will be **consistent with** the stated **principles of selection** which apply to all **instructional materials**.

In maintaining and augmenting school library collections, the persons responsible for selection of materials will strive:

1. To meet the needs of the individual **school**, based on knowledge of the curriculum and the stated needs of administrators and teachers.
2. To meet the needs of individual **students**, according to both the stated needs of students and general understanding of children's interests.
3. To provide materials of high artistic and literary **quality**.
4. To provide a **balanced** collection, with a fair proportion of each type of material selected to meet the needs of the curriculum, the students, and professional staff at all levels.
5. To provide a **wide range** of materials **and media types** with diversity of appeal and different points of view.

In order to maintain a current and attractive collection of materials, media specialists will provide for continuing renewal of the collection, not only by **addition** of up-to-date materials, but by the judicious **elimination** of materials which no longer meet needs or have a use in the library.

Gifts to the library (or to the school) may be accepted if they meet the criteria established for the selection of all instructional materials. Appropriate recognition should be given to the donor by the building administrator on behalf of the school system.

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