

LIBRARY/MEDIA MATERIALS

The primary objective of the District library material selection procedure is to provide students and teachers with a wide range of educational materials on all levels of difficulty and in a variety of formats, with diversity of appeal, allowing for the presentation of many different points of view. To this end, the Board, in keeping with the ideas expressed in the School Library Bill of Rights, asserts that the responsibility of District media specialist is:

- f* To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the pupils served.
- f* To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.
- f* To provide a background of information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.
- f* To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking.
- f* To provide materials representative of many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contribution to our American heritage, thereby enabling students to develop an intellectual integrity in forming judgments.
- f* To place principle above personal opinion and

- f Suitability of subject
- f Format and level for intended audience
- f Quality and variety of format
- f Importance of subject matter to the collection
- f Scarcity of materials on the subject
- f Published and/or broadcast reviews or inclusion in special bibliographies and indices
- f Authority and significance of the author, composer, filmmaker, etc.
- f Reputation of the publisher or producer
- f Timeliness and/or permanence
- f Student interests
- f Provision of alternate viewpoints
- f Quality of writing, design, illustrations, or production
- f Relevance to school community standards
- f Potential and/or known demand
- f Cost

Gifts

Gifts of books or other materials may be accepted, but incorporation into the school library media center's collection is based on collection needs and the judgment of the media specialists. All gifts are subject to evaluation by the criteria for selection of materials. Commercially prepared materials are accepted if they meet selection standards, are intended to inform and not to promote sales, and are free from excessive advertising.

Withdrawing Materials

Each media specialists will evaluate the collection on a continuing basis to identify materials in need of repair, replacement, or withdrawal. The following criteria are considered when withdrawing materials:

- Physical condition
- Currency of information
- Availability
- Permanent value
- User demand
- Other coverage of subject material
- Available space

Replacement

Replacement of materials is not automatic but considered in relation to the school collection. Materials to be withdrawn from the District or school collection will be disposed in accordance with state statute.

The Board authorizes the superintendent to establish administrative procedures consistent with this policy.

SOURCE: Mississippi School Boards Association

