

## COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The purpose of the Dover Plains Library is to provide all individuals in the community with carefully selected books and other materials to aid the individual in the pursuit of education, information, research, pleasure and the creative use of leisure time. Because of the volume of publishing, as well as the limitations of budget and space, the library must have a selection policy with which to meet the community interests and needs.

The Library Bill of Rights and The Freedom to Read Statement have been endorsed by the Dover Plains Library Board of Trustees and are integral parts of the policy.

The ultimate responsibility for the collection rests with the Library Board. The ultimate responsibility for the selection of library materials rests with the library director who operates within the framework of the policies determined by the Dover Plains Library Board of Trustees. This responsibility may be shared with other members of the library staff; however, because the director must be available to answer to the library board for actual selections made, the director has the authority to reject or select any item contrary to the recommendations of the staff.

The main points considered in the selection of materials are: individual merit of each item, popular demand, appeal of material for the clientele, existing library holdings, budget, and space limitations.

Materials for individuals of varying ages, educational levels and interests should be acquired. The library acquires a wide range of materials in a variety of formats according to their suitability for public library use and their cost effectiveness.