

Selection of Library Materials

1. The Library Director shall have primary responsibility for approving and selecting all library materials available to public patrons. The Library Director's professional judgment in selecting library materials shall be based on the needs, wishes, and recommendation of both individual library patrons and the community at large. The Library Director shall utilize current reviews, recommended reading lists, buying and best seller lists, professional organizations and other reliable library resources in selecting library materials.
2. The Red Creek Free Library, consistent with the stated principles of the American Library Association (ALA), the New York State Association of Library Boards (NYSALB), and the Pioneer Library System, shall not reject and/or censor any book or video which may be of value, solely because of the subject it treats or the frankness and unorthodoxy with which it is treated, or because of the race, nationality, political, or religious views of the writer or producer, or because of the statements taken out of context with the rest of the book. The Library is committed to present a public forum which represents all points of view, regardless of their controversial nature, without fear of criticism by individuals or groups with an opposing agenda.
3. The Red Creek Free Library must and will, therefore, resist any and all attempts of censorship by individuals or groups based on the fundamental belief that in free society, no one has the right to impose their values or standards on public library patrons. The library firmly supports and expressly incorporates the American Library Association's New Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Statement into its Policies.
4. The Library is aware, vigilant, and respectful, most particularly involving youthful and minor (non-adult readers under the age of 18) readers to its responsibilities to examine explicitly objectionable material that may violate both Library and prevailing community standards of decency and mores. In the event that any library material is specifically alleged to be objectionable, the Library has established the following formal procedures to affect a full and fair review and evaluation.
 - 4.1. The patron shall be asked to make their complaint in writing, citing the basis and specific areas of objection.
 - 4.2. The patron should state whether the entire content of the book or video is objectionable, or only one or some parts, and if so, which specific part or parts.
 - 4.3. The patron's complaint will be reviewed and considered by the Board of Trustees. Determination will be communicated to the patron by the Board, and if necessary, appropriate action will be taken by the Library. Consideration of a patron's complaint by the Board, does not, per se, establish that the Board concurs with the patron's allegation that the material is in fact objectionable.
5. Occasionally a book is chosen on the basis of reviews or author's name, which may be found not suitable to the tastes of patrons. It would be appreciated in such a case, that this material be brought to the Library Director's attention in order that the book can be further reviewed.