

LIBRARY MATERIALS-SELECTION

One of the missions of the Alexandria Library is to meet the informational, educational and recreational needs of the citizens of Alexandria by providing access to a comprehensive collection of materials.

The Alexandria Library selects materials through a committee made up of Library professionals.

The Library Director is ultimately responsible to the Board for selection of materials and the development of the collection. Acting on behalf of the Director, the selection committee is urged to use its best judgment, as professional librarians, in making selections. The committee's choices should be guided by evaluation of the materials' literary merit, authenticity, and honesty of presentation.

If a library patron feels materials owned by the Alexandria Library have not been selected according to the policies and guidelines in the Library Bill of Rights, they may ask that the materials in question be reconsidered. There is a form to be filled in to ask for this reconsideration. (See 25.1a for form)

Basic document guides for the philosophy of the Alexandria Library book selection are the Library Bill of Rights (see 15.4) and the Freedom to Read Declaration (see 15.2).

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