Sanibel Public Library District Policy No. 9-2010

Collection Development

The mission of the Sanibel Public Library is to enrich the lives of Sanibel residents and visitors by serving as an intellectual center that provides a variety of reading, listening and viewing materials to meet their informational, educational, and recreational needs.

The Library provides a broad collection that includes material that reflects the interests of library users. The quality of the material; the attention of critics, reviewers and the public; the amount of similar materials already in the collection; and the extent to which the material may be elsewhere in the community are all factors considered when choosing materials.

The ultimate responsibility for materials selection rests with the Executive Director. The Library welcomes from the public recommendations and requests for material for consideration.

The Library does not serve as censor of the reading of any member of the community. The Library does not endorse opinions expressed in the materials that are held in the collection. Neither Library staff nor users may restrict access by others. The Library does not label materials to make value judgments.

Responsibility for Library materials use by minors rests with their parents or guardians. Selection of adult material will not be restricted by the possibility that these materials may come into the possession of minors.

In order to maintain a collection of current, relevant library materials that meets the needs of the community, Sanibel Public Library engages in an ongoing evaluation process of the collection