

Selection and Acquisition of Titles

The Peninsula Public Library's Selection Policy provides a framework for the growth and development of our collection in support of the Library's mission to "make your library an effective, educational, informational, cultural and recreational force within our community."

The Library provides free access to materials in a number of formats (print, media and electronic) to all patrons. Library users make their own choices as to what they will use based on individual interests and concerns. The Peninsula Public Library supports the right of each family to decide which items are appropriate for use by their children. Responsibility for a child's use of library materials lies with his or her parent or guardian.

The Selection Process:

Responsibility for the initial selection of library resources rests with the Library's professional staff, based on the criteria cited below. Designated staff are responsible for specific areas of the collection, under the overall direction of the Assistant Director. The responsibility for selection ultimately rests with the Library Director operating within the framework of policies established by the Board of the Peninsula Public Library.

General Criteria for Selection:

1. Relevance to community interest
2. Current significance (attention of media, reviews and the public)
3. Number and nature of requests from our patrons
4. Permanent value
5. Relationship to the existing collection
6. Price and availability

Selection of materials is accomplished primarily through review publications and hands-on examination. Particular credence is given to reviews appearing in the following:

- Booklist
- Kirkus Reviews
- Library Journal
- The New York Times
- Publishers Weekly
- School Library Journal
- VOYA Magazine

Due to the purchasing restrictions of the Library, we can only purchase titles available on the following platforms:

- Amazon
- Baker & Taylor
- Overdrive (for ebook and eAudiobook purchases only)

Local Authors:

If local authors wish to donate copies of their work to the Library, our professional staff will review the title in house before accepting the title for the collection. Not all titles donated will be deemed appropriate for addition to our catalog.