

MAPL Collection Development Policy

The Matawan Aberdeen Public Library strives to maintain a collection that meets the community's interests and needs.

The Library carefully considers all collection development decisions before acquiring items to ensure materials provide a balance of viewpoints and are current, accurate, and produced by reliable sources. The library staff are trained and equipped to make selection decisions and consult a number of resources in selecting items, including professional journals, trade publications, reputable Internet sites, subject bibliographies, and publishers' promotional material.

The Library's membership in STELLA (Sharing & Technology Enhancing Local Library Access) enables our patrons to borrow materials from 42 other local libraries, either in person or through interlibrary loan. There is also access to collections in other libraries throughout the state via JerseyCat, a service provided by the New Jersey State Library. The Library staff is happy to assist with interlibrary loans, or consider requests for additions to our collection.

The Matawan Aberdeen Public Library carefully considers all collection development decisions before discarding items. In order to keep our collections fresh and interesting, items that are outdated, in poor condition, or do not circulate often are discarded. Other factors, such as an item's availability at other libraries, and overall balance in our collection are also considered.

The Matawan Aberdeen Public Library Board of Trustees, the library director, and staff believe that the freedom to read is a human right and an integral part of the First Amendment of the US Constitution. We endorse the Library Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read statement of the American Library Association, as well as follow its Code of Ethics.

Any additional questions regarding the library's collections should be directed to Kimberly Paone, Library Director (732-583-9100, kpaone@mapl.org).

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