



## STATEMENT ON COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

The Matawan-Aberdeen Public Library strives to maintain a balanced collection, consisting of subjects of interest to our community. The library carefully considers all collection development decisions before purchasing items by reviewing professional journals such as Publisher's Weekly, Library Journal, School Library Journal, and The Horn Book. The Library's membership in the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMxAC) enables our patrons to borrow materials from 30 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 In order to keep our collections fresh and interesting, items that are outdated, in poor condition, or do not circulate often are discarded.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 [Freedom to Read](#) statement of the American Library Association. We oppose efforts to censor any content.

Any additional questions regarding the library's collections should be directed to Kimberly Paone, Library Director ([732-583-9100](tel:732-583-9100), [lkpaone@lmxac.org](mailto:lkpaone@lmxac.org)).

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