

# **Policy Manual**

## 700 Library Collections

The Whistler Public Library is committed to the intellectual freedom endorsed by the <u>British</u> <u>Columbia Library Association</u>. The library's collection mirrors the needs and interests of the community.

#### 701 Selection of Library Materials

- 1. Library staff make selection decisions based upon patron requests, collection statistics and relevance to the community while satisfying the reading needs of a large group of people with varied backgrounds, reading levels, tastes and interests.
- 2. Suggestions for purchase of new materials are evaluated by library staff and a purchase may be made if the material meets the library's guidelines for collection development.
- 3. In the event that library staff do not purchase a request, the material will be borrowed from another library for our patron's use.
- 4. Library materials that are worn, outdated, or otherwise no longer used are removed according to accepted professional practices.
- 5. Where appropriate, deselected library materials are sold through authorized book sales or donated to schools, affiliate social services organizations or charities.

### 702 Challenges to Library Materials

- 1. The library recognizes that materials may be acceptable to some, but not to others.
- 2. The library has materials on all sides of controversial issues, including representations of unpopular or unorthodox positions, without censorship or bias.
- 3. Challenges to the library collection may be made in writing to the library director and the library Board of Trustees via the Request for Reconsideration form.
- 4. The library director and Board will review the form and the challenged material and make a decision by simple majority.
- 5. The library director will communicate the decision of the Board, in writing.
- 6. The decision of the Board is final.

#### 703 Copyright

1. The library adheres to all applicable statutory requirements with respect to reproduction of copyright materials. <u>We copy right!</u>