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2362 – MEDIA CENTER

A. Philosophy

The American Association of School Librarians reaffirms its belief in the Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association. Media personnel are concerned with generating understanding of American freedoms through the development of informed and responsible citizens. To this end, the American Association of School Librarians asserts that the responsibility of the school library media center is:

1. To provide a comprehensive collection of instructional materials selected in compliance with basic written selection principles, and to provide maximum accessibility to these materials.
2. To provide materials that will support the curriculum, taking into consideration the individual's needs and the varied interests, abilities, socio-economic backgrounds, and maturity levels of the students served.
3. To provide materials for teachers and students that will encourage growth in knowledge, and that will develop literary, cultural and aesthetic appreciation, and ethical standards.
4. To provide materials which reflect the ideas and beliefs of religious, social, political, historical, and ethnic groups and their contribution to the American and world heritage and culture, thereby enabling students to develop an intellectual integrity in forming judgments.
5. To provide a written statement, approved by the Board of Education of the procedures for meeting the challenge of censorship of materials in school library media centers.
6. To provide qualified professional personnel to serve teachers and students and:
 - a) is an instructional leader and teacher,
 - b) supports the development of digital learning, participatory learning, inquiry learning, technology literacies, and information literacy, and
 - c) supports, supplements, and elevates the literacy experience through guidance and motivational reading initiatives.

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B. Selection

The Board is legally responsible for the selection of all materials used in the Pequannock Township School system. The Board delegates to the library/media specialists the authority and responsibility for the actual selection of materials. In selecting and recommending materials, the library staff shall take cognizance of the needs of the students and the objectives of the educational program.

Print and non-print materials shall be selected consulting reputable, unbiased, professional selection aids as guides and by previewing. Materials include (but are not limited to) books, periodicals, film, recordings, digital media, etc. Suggestions are encouraged from staff and students with the librarian/media specialist having the final decision.

Materials will be selected following these guidelines:

1. Educational significance;
2. Need, permanent or timely value, and balance to the collection;
3. Reputation of author, editor or producer;
4. Content, validity, accuracy, objectivity, readability;
5. High degree of user appeal;
6. Artistic or literary merit;
7. Quality format;
8. Avoidance of stereotypes;
9. Varying points of view.

Gifts will be accepted if they meet the above mentioned standards with the condition that they may be disposed of by the professional staff.

Weeding should be a continuous process. Print and non-print materials in poor physical condition, with outdated subject content, and of doubtful literary quality are subject to removal from the collection.

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