

## **COLLECTION POLICY**

## **Censorship**

The selection of library materials is predicated on the library patron's right to read and freedom from censorship by others. Many materials are controversial and any given item may offend some persons. Selections will be on the merits of the material in relation to the building of the collection and to serving the interests of the readers. Burnet County Library System holds censorship to be a purely individual matter. No one can exercise censorship to restrict the freedom of others.

With respect to the use of library materials by minors (children under 17), the decision as to what a minor may read or view is the responsibility of his parent or guardian. The library and its staff do not serve in place of the parent.

This library subscribes to the principles of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read Statement, Statements on Labeling and Free Access to Libraries for Minors and of the Texas Library Association's Intellectual Freedom.