

Board Statement

The Board unanimously affirms the [American Library Association Library Bill of Rights](#) and [Freedom to Read](#) Statements on book selection, library resources, and controversial materials.

Policies approved by the Helen M Plum Memorial Library Board of Trustees serve as the directive of the Board in reference to the operational policies of the Library. Library displays created by professional library staff may include relevant items from the Library's collections. Library Policy U-5, Materials Selection, includes the following assertions:

The Board of Trustees wants the Library's collection to be an extensive, comprehensive, and cosmopolitan collection of library materials.

Materials in the collection are selected to reflect the diverse needs of the residents of Lombard. If the Plum Library is to fulfill its obligation of being a public library, then, to the extent authoritative materials are available, it must have in its collection materials on all subjects, by authors of varied political affiliations, and of varied points of view, even those which may be regarded by some as controversial, whether because of political expression or affiliation, or moral implication. There is the possibility that material may be regarded by some as unpleasant or offensive, or in political or religious opposition to local beliefs.

The Library places the responsibility with the parent or guardian for the use of Library materials for or by their children.