



## Collection Development Policy (8/26/09)

### Selection Criteria

All materials, whether purchased or donated, are considered in terms of the criteria listed below. An item need not meet all of these standards in order to be added to the collection. With regard to any work as a whole, the following criteria shall be considered:

- Popular interest
- Public demand
- Relevance to community needs
- Contemporary significance or permanent value
- Literary quality
- Originality
- Currency
- Accuracy, objectivity and clarity
- Local emphasis
- Readability or ability to sustain interest
- Suitability and treatment of subject and style relative to intended audience
- Reputation of author, publisher, producer or illustrator
- Creative, literary or technical quality
- Critical assessment
- Format and ease of use
- Circulation and use
- Cost and availability
- Relationship to existing materials in collection
- Relationship to materials in other area libraries and TLN

The FPL adheres to and supports the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read and the Freedom to View Statements adopted by the American Library Association, and the Intellectual Freedom Handbook of the Michigan Library Association.

When possible, FPL staff select from a review source in order to justify selection. The library subscribes to Publisher's Weekly (print and online), Library Journal (print and online), and Booklist Online.

### Exceptions

1. Material may not appear in review sources (e.g. children's material, local music, government documents), but selector knowledge determines selection.
2. Material may receive unfavorable reviews, but popularity and demand determines selection.
3. Material may require selection prior to the appearance of reviews in order to meet demand in a timely manner.