

The Culbertson Public Library is a public institution established and funded by the Village of Culbertson to fill the informational needs of this community. Patrons of the Library include not only citizens of Culbertson but also of the surrounding area, as well as students in Hitchcock County. Library patrons come from diverse educational, cultural, and economic backgrounds and display a wide variety of interests, needs, values, and viewpoints; to remain relevant the library collection must do the same.

- a) The library gathers materials, both print and non-print, on subjects of interest to the community. In collecting these materials, the library adheres to the principles embodied in the Library Bill of Rights and this policy statement.
- b) The library maintains a vigorous program on behalf of intellectual freedom.
- c) Care will be taken so that no one patron or group unduly influences the selection or withdrawal of library materials.
- d) The library collection is kept relevant by adding purchased or donated items that enhance existing resources.
- e) Priorities of the Culbertson Public Library collection take into account the interests of the community as well as the accessibility of information from other community resources.
- f) Items of local significance are added to the collection whenever possible and are generally not discarded or circulated if deemed irreplaceable.
- g) Popular fiction and nonfiction titles for all ages constitute a major emphasis of the library's collection. Titles with lasting value will be added to the library's permanent collection as resources allow.
- h) A paperback trade collection of donated books will be maintained. Any individual is welcome to take out as many of these paperbacks as are brought in. No checkout is involved, so no library card is required.
- i) Periodical titles owned include those covering current issues, popular culture, hobbies, and regional news. Scholarly journals are not a standard part of the library's collection.
- j) Selection of materials to be added, whether purchased or donated, follows standard guidelines.
- k) The final responsibility for selection of library materials rests with the Library Director who operates within the framework of policies set by the Culbertson Public Library Board.
 - i) At least one of the following criteria will be used in material selection: needs and interests of the library's users and anticipated users, accuracy and