

### **3.10 Material Buying and Selection**

As a responsibility of library service, materials selected should be chosen by assessing interest level, information and enlightenment of all people in the community. In no case should any material be excluded because of the race or nationality, or the political/religious views of the writer.

The Library will attempt to maintain a balance in its services to all people. It will cooperate with, but not perform the functions of a school or institutional library, which is designated to meet curricular needs. The Library will not attempt to furnish materials needed for formal courses of study offered by elementary and secondary schools and by institutions of higher learning. The Library should have materials for self-study, but is not primarily designed to furnish reading required for academic study. The Library subscribes to the Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association. The Richland Community Library affirms its belief in the following basic policies:

1. As a responsibility of library services, materials selected should be chosen for values of interest, information and enlightenment for all people of the community. In no case should materials be excluded because of the race, nationality, and political or religious views of the writer.
2. There should be the fullest practicable provision of material presenting all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times, international, national and local.
3. If religious or political groups wish to present books representing their beliefs, materials should be explanatory in nature. Materials should be tolerant and written with authority, timeliness and good literary quality.