Poplar Creek Public Library District

Intellectual Freedom Policy

Poplar Creek Public Library District (PCPLD) is committed to facilitating access to constitutionally protected information, without censorship or scrutiny. PCPLD Board of Trustees endorses adoption of the American Library Association's (ALA) position on intellectual freedom, as stated in the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read Statement, and the Freedom to View Statement.

Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people within the community the library serves. The collection should offer materials presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Appearance of a resource in the collections or on display in the library environment does not necessarily mean that the Library advocates or endorses the ideas or statements found in that resource.

A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age, disability or genetic information.

PCPLD hereby adopts 75 ILCS 10/8.7 Illinois State Library System Act, including adoption of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights that indicates materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

The Poplar Creek Public Library District, in compliance with 75 ILCS 10/8.7, declares the inherent authority of the Library to provide an adequate collection of books and other materials sufficient in size and varied in kind and subject matter to satisfy the library needs of students or patrons served and prohibiting the practice of banning specific books or resources within the library or library system. For additional information, see the PCPLD Collection Development Policy.

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