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MCLS POLICY **Collection Development for OverDrive**

Mission of MCLS:

The Monroe County Library System is a coalition of member libraries that provides materials and programs to meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of individuals, member libraries, and local governments through 1) collaborative ventures in cost effective delivery of quality library services; 2) centralized delivery of selected services; and 3) the fostering of fast, accurate access to materials and services in a seamless, consistent, and uniform manner.

Purpose of the MCLS Digital Resources Collection Development Policy:

This collection development policy seeks to clarify criteria that staff will follow through the acquisition and withdrawal of digital materials specifically purchased for the Monroe County Library System. Our aim is to provide materials for all age levels and interests which will educate, entertain, enlighten and enrich library users.

The Monroe County Library System will strive to support:

- the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights
(<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/>)
- the American Library Association Freedom to Read Statement
(<http://www.ala.org/offices/oif/statementspols/ftstatement/freedomreadstatement>)
- the American Library Association Freedom to View Statement
(<http://www.ala.org/vrt/professionalresources/vrtresources/freedomtoview>)

Selection of Material:

Scope

The Monroe County Library System aims to achieve its stated objectives through a carefully selected collection of digital materials, chosen to reflect the diverse backgrounds and interests of the community, within limits of budget and availability. MCLS does not promote particular beliefs or views; rather it attempts to provide a balanced representation of many viewpoints.

Responsibility

Each member library is responsible for contributing to the Monroe County Library System Digital Resources Collection. Selection of digital materials rests with library staff chosen by each library's director.

Criteria

All titles selected with meet at least one of the following criteria:

Quality

The literary and educational merit, recency of information, accuracy, effectiveness of presentation and comparison with other published materials of the same subject is considered, as seen in professional reviews or by examination of a librarian. Judgment will be based on the material as a whole, and not on the presence of individual words, scenes, or images alone.

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Balance

All sides of an issue will be represented, within budget limitations and availability of materials. No material will be excluded because of race, gender, nationality, political or social views or the personal beliefs of the author.

Demand

We consider expressed interest by the community while remaining consistent with budget restrictions and collection balance.

Suitability for age level

Selection criteria for children, young adult, and adult materials differ; however, any patron (valid card holder) may access and/or borrow from the entire collection. The Monroe County Library System does not restrict items based on age level, material type, or subject matter.

Self-published works

Self-published works will be decided on a case-by-case basis

Weeding

To maintain the quality and usefulness of digital materials, library staff will systematically re-evaluate the existing collection.

Complaints

Though the Monroe County Library System purposely selects materials for diversified readership, the patron does have a right to address his/her concerns to the MCLS Office.

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