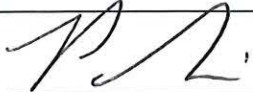


**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
LIBRARY POLICIES**

Section 200: Collection Development Policies	Approved By:  Library Director
No. 201: Materials Funding Allocation	Supersedes: 7/06/2017
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- 201.1 **Purpose:** The Grand Prairie Library System has three physical locations, two mobile libraries, one EPIC library “vending machine”, and one virtual location. All locations and collections will be updated every year using library materials funds.
- 201.2 **Policy/Guidelines:** With the Library Director’s approval, the Library Administrator of Process will distribute the materials budget among all the library system’s locations and collections.
- The materials selectors will further distribute the funds approximately by demand, circulation stats, and costs of materials.
 - The Library Administrator of Process will adjust the allocations as new formats become available and/or circulation stats change.

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<p>Section 200: Collection Development Policies</p> <p>No. 202: General Selection Process and Criteria</p> <p>Effective Date: 8/15/2025</p>	<p>Approved By:  Library Director</p> <p>Supersedes: 08/13/2020</p>
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202.1 **Purpose:** The Grand Prairie Public Library System’s mission is to provide free and equal access for all to resources that meet the informational, educational, and entertainment needs of our community. This policy provides an approach to selecting, acquiring and managing materials.

202.2 **Specific Goals:** Specific goals emphasized in our collections include:

- Early literacy and other initiatives for youth.
- Support for students.
- Lifelong learning for patrons of all ages.
- Recreational reading, listening and viewing for all ages.
- Generic research, especially in areas of local interest or subjects in high demand.
- Artistic and creative resources.
- Information and fact-finding resources.
- Occupational and professional development materials.
- Materials that reflect the diverse cultural, religious, racial, and ethnic backgrounds of our community residents, including materials in other languages.
- In addition to high demand materials, supply a core collection of items to meet the community’s need for basic information and standard, classic works.
- Maintain a current collection through purchasing new materials and discarding obsolete and dated materials.
- Target each location’s collection to match the interests and needs of the local community.
- Incorporate a variety of audio/visual formats in the collection.
- Integrate new technologies into the collection.

202.3 **Nature of Materials**

The Library collects traditional and current mediums: print, non-print and electronic. Since people communicate and learn in different ways, the Library does not limit itself to the print medium and offers access to a variety of media

and resources. The Library recognizes that the technologies of sound, image and electronic databases continue to evolve and continually explores all new formats in order to offer current technology within our collection.

202.4 **Responsibility for Selection:** The selection and maintenance of the System's collections lies administratively with the Library Director who delegates to appropriately trained and skilled staff members. Selectors make choices based on a thorough knowledge of community interests, needs, and current library holdings.

202.5 **General Selection Criteria:** Librarians use their subject knowledge and expertise to select and evaluate materials for the collection. Gifts and purchases are selected for the collection using the same criteria. General criteria include, but are not limited to:


- Evaluation of patron interest of current inventory and subject matters as evidenced by circulation numbers.
- Significance and/or usefulness to the community.
- Evaluation presented by critical reviews.
- Comprehensiveness and depth of treatment: clarity, accuracy, objectivity, and organization of information.
- Reputation and authority of author, artist, producer, or publisher.
- Currency of information.
- Production quality and suitability of physical format for library use, including issues related to durability and possible obsolescence of format.
- Relationship to existing material in the collection.
- Cost and availability.
- Popular demand as related to above criteria.

202.6 **Weeding:** One component of maintaining a fresh, usable collection is the withdrawal of materials that no longer meet the needs of the Library's users. The Library conducts periodic and continuous evaluation of materials as an integral part of collection development. In evaluating materials for removal, the Library uses the Texas State Library's C.R.E.W. method and statistical analysis as a guideline. In addition, collection maintenance involves inspection of materials for age and condition, monitoring materials for changes in interest and use, reviewing the collection for content, recommending titles for replacement, determining materials to be mended and relocating materials to other collections. When information becomes outdated or materials become damaged beyond use, they should be removed from the collection. Per Chapter 11, Article 1, Section 11-17E of the Code of Ordinances, the library sends a memo to the Finance Director listing the quantity of items weeded after disposal.

202.7 **Self-published items:** Self-published titles will be considered using the same criteria as traditionally published items, outlined in section 202.5 of this policy. Authors may submit a copy of their work in either print or electronic format for a

librarian to review. Items that are not added to the collection will be given to the Friends of the Library. All decisions are final.

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<p>Section 200: Collection Development Policies</p> <p>No. 203: Limits of the Collection</p> <p>Effective Date: 8/15/2025</p>	<p>Approved By:  Library Director</p> <p>Supersedes: 2/23/2023</p>
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203.1 Purpose: The Grand Prairie Public Library System will purchase current materials proportionate to levels of demand and use, taking care to anticipate and respond to indications of significant new needs.

203.2 Policy/Guidelines: The library will attempt to meet its patrons' informational, educational, and entertainment requirements with these exceptions:


- Textbooks, whether at the elementary, secondary, or college level, unless there is a general interest in the subject;
- Highly technical works in which interest would be limited, or which would be available through Interlibrary Loan;
- Archaic, obscure, or rare works of manuscripts that do not fit into other specialized collections;
- Software or video games that require an individual license to operate;
- Prints or posters;
- Sculptures;
- Materials in obsolete formats.

The Library uses resources from other libraries in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro area and strives to avoid needlessly duplicating functions or materials. The resources of other libraries may be available to Grand Prairie residents through cooperative agreements with the Texas State Library and municipal, county and academic libraries within Texas. Grand Prairie residents may request materials through the Interlibrary Loan Program at any location or through the library's website.

203.3 Formats included in the collection:

- Print: Books, newspapers and large-print items.
- Non-print: Audiobooks, CDs, and DVDs.
- Electronic and digital, which may include online databases, e-books, e-audiobooks, digital magazines, streaming video, and streaming music.
- Other non-print or electronic formats as they are developed and judged to be appropriate, affordable and accessible.

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<p>Section 200: Collection Development Policies</p> <p>No. 204: Special Collections</p> <p>Effective Date: 8/15/2025</p>	<p>Approved By:  Library Director</p> <p>Supersedes: 2/23/2023</p>
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- 204.1 Purpose:** The Grand Prairie Public Library System houses three special collections at the Main Library: the Genealogy collection, the Local History/Archives collection, and the Library of Things. These distinct collections are held to different standards for inclusion than the standards outlined in Section 202 of this policy manual (General Selection Process and Criteria).
- 204.2 Genealogy Collections:** The Genealogy Collection consists of both circulating and non-circulating items related to the practice and study of genealogy, and the various records and documents used. The goal of the Genealogy Collection is to develop and maintain a collection suitable for basic family research. Because of the number of other genealogy collections in the area, we will not attempt to duplicate any but the most standard works and sources. The Library may also make online databases remote (when possible) or in-library use. Magazines and newsletters deemed suitable to the collection will also be available in the Genealogy Collection.
- 204.3 Local History Collection:** This collection is composed of manuscripts, family histories, pamphlets, clippings, videos and DVDs, slides, audiocassettes, photographs and negatives, printed matter (published and unpublished), digital scans, and oral history recordings reflecting the history of the Grand Prairie area. Items reflecting the surrounding area will be given consideration only if they enhance the collection. Staff will evaluate donated and suggested local history material and determine if it is suitable for the collection. Historic relevancy, available space, condition and nature of the material will be considered in the evaluation process. Due to space and preservation considerations, three-dimensional historic items such as clothing, memorabilia, artwork, artifacts and other regalia will be severely limited. These items are best cared for in a museum setting.
- 204.4 Library of Things:** This collection is comprised of non-traditional items that will support the library's mission to present our community with opportunities for lifelong learning and personal enrichment by providing new and popular materials that stimulate the imagination, provide leisure activities and experiences, and offer resources for patrons to explore topics of personal interest. These items may include, but are not limited to:

- Crafting kits and tools
- Educational and recreational kits
- Items for cultivating new hobbies and interests
- Audiovisual equipment
- Technological devices
- Musical instruments

Some Things/Kits may require additional items, and these are not provided by the library, i.e. the library will not provide sugar and flour with cookie cutter kits. All items of the collection will belong to and be controlled by the Grand Prairie Public Library System. The Library of Things may only be checked out by adults 18 and older who reside in Grand Prairie.


204.5 Maintenance: Staff may weed material or items that are damaged or deemed no longer relevant to the collection. When appropriate, material may be offered to another city department, another library or archive, or historical organization.

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<p>Section 200: Collection Development Policies</p> <p>No. 205: Patron Request for Materials</p> <p>Effective Date: 8/15/2025</p>	<p>Approved By:  Library Director</p> <p>Supersedes: 7/06/2017</p>
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- 205.1 Purpose:** The Grand Prairie Public Library System encourages customers to participate in the collection development process in order to make the collection more responsive to community interests. Patrons may make suggestions for specific materials they themselves would like to use.
- 205.2 Guidelines/Procedures:** Customers may suggest titles for purchase verbally, in writing, by email, or through the “Suggestion for purchase” link on the library website. Library selectors will consider all patron requests in accordance with the library’s collection development policy and funding.

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Section 200: Collection Development Policies No. 206: Reconsideration of Materials Effective Date: 8/15/2025	Approved By:  Library Director Supersedes: 5/10/2023
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206.1 Purpose: If a patron objects to material held by the library, they may submit a **Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials** form (Appendix 206A). All considerations of requests to review materials will be completed using the principles of this selection policy statement as a guide.

Although the library provides materials presenting various points of view, acquiring material does not constitute endorsement of the material's content, viewpoint, implications or means of expression. Although we welcome input from the community, an item will only be reviewed once a year.


The library believes that individuals have the freedom to choose to use or not use any items in the collection. Responsibility for overseeing children's use of the library collection rests with parents or legal guardians. Selection of material will not be inhibited by the possibility that it may inadvertently come into the possession of a child.

206.2 Requirements: In order to have a request considered, the patron must:

- Be a registered borrower of the Grand Prairie Memorial Library who is 18 or older
- File a completed **Request for Reconsideration** form (Appendix 206A) with the Library Administrator of Process. Patrons may only submit this form for one title at a time.
- Supply full name and address. Anonymous complaints will not be considered.

206.3 Process: After the completed reconsideration form is received, the Library Administration will review the form, the materials in question, and any supporting literature available concerning the item. Within 15 business days of receipt of the reconsideration form, the Library Administration will respond to the customer's concerns. If the patron is not satisfied with the Library Administration's decision, they may appeal to the Library Director. The Library Director will review all relevant material and decide whether to keep, move, or withdraw the item in question. The decision of the Director is final.

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<p>Section 200: Collection Development Policies</p> <p>No. 207: Collection Promotion</p> <p>Effective Date: 8/15/2025</p>	<p>Approved By:  Library Director</p>
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207.1 **Purpose:** The Grand Prairie Public Library System’s mission is to provide free and equal access for all to resources that meet the informational, educational, and entertainment needs of our community. This policy provides an approach to market these materials to library customers.

207.2 **Display Methods:** Library staff will emphasize different formats and/or parts of the collection using various methods and technologies. These methods include but are not limited to:

- Programs
- Internal displays on shelf tops, display cases, designated display areas
- Outreach displays
- Face-out shelving
- Social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, etc....
- Fliers
- Reader’s Advisory
- Personal Shopper requests
- Email blasts
- Website lists

207.3 **Display content:** Library staff will highlight/promote various parts of the library’s collections with physical materials and electronic titles on a rotating basis. The subject matter of all display/media posts will draw from the following topics. These topics include but are not limited to:

- Holidays
- Popular culture highlights
- Educational topics
- News stories
- Literature genres
- Television and movie content
- Library program topics

Discretion for display/media content lies with library staff.

Appendix 205A.

Suggestion for Purchase



I suggest the Grand Prairie Public Library System purchase the following item for Main Library Branch Library

*Title _____

*Author _____

Publisher _____ Year published _____

*Where did you hear about this title?

*What is it about?

Please give as much information as possible. All items starred (*) must be completed before the library can consider your suggestion. Thank you. If you would like to be notified if we purchase this item, give your name and phone number or address on the back.

RETURN THIS CARD TO THE REFERENCE OR CIRCULATION DESK



206 Appendix A

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

The Grand Prairie Library welcomes and supports all people in their enjoyment of reading and recreational materials, and their pursuit of learning and information. The Library neither promotes nor censors particular viewpoints. The Library welcomes the opportunity to discuss the interpretation and application of the Library's collection policies with Grand Prairie residents. In order to assure that the Library has an accurate statement of your opinion regarding the material in question, please complete this form (use the other side or additional pages if necessary) and return it to the Administrator of Process, Grand Prairie Library, 901 Conover Dr., Grand Prairie, TX 75051.

Author: _____

Title: _____

This is a: Book__ DVD__ CD__ Other_____

1. Did you examine the material in its entirety? Yes__ No__

2. In your own words, what did you find objectionable about this material?

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Library card #: _____

Complainant represents: Self __ Group or Organization__

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____