

RESOLUTION No. 2023-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
FOR THE SELECTION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS
AND USE OF LIBRARY MATERIALS AND FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Library District Act of 1991 requires that the board of library trustees of each library district adopt and review at least every two years a resolution for the selection of library materials and the use of library materials and facilities (75 ILCS 16/30-60); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees has reviewed and revised its procedures and policies pursuant to the selection of library materials and the use of library materials and facilities in 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the President and Board of Library Trustees of the Barrington Public Library District, Cook, Lake, Kane and McHenry Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The procedures and policies contained in the Barrington Area Library Policy Statement and Rules for Use of the Library, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part thereof, which pertain to the selection of library materials and the use of library materials and facilities shall be and hereby are approved by the Board of Library Trustees.

Section 2: The aforementioned procedures and policies shall again be reviewed and adopted by resolution of the Board of Library Trustees in 2025 and each two years thereafter.

ADOPTED THIS 9th day of January, 2023, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Carr, Lucas, Miller, Minner, Ordway, Pizzi, Tenyer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

/s/ Carrie Carr

President

ATTEST:

/s/ Jan Miller

Secretary

Exhibit A

9.0 LIBRARY RESOURCE SELECTION

Selection of Library materials, programs, and exhibits (“Library resources”) for the District is the responsibility of District staff under the supervision of the Executive Director.

All types of Library resources are considered in the selection process and it is the policy of the District to provide these offerings in whatever format best meets the needs of the community, whether digitally or physically.

The District endeavors to provide Library resources representing varying points of view.

9.1. Selection Criteria

The objective criteria used by the District in evaluating and selecting Library resources are included in this policy. An individual Library resource need not meet all of these criteria for acceptance.

Criteria:

- Relevance, present and anticipated, to community needs and interests.
- Credentials, authority, and reputation of the content creator or presenter. Content will not be excluded from District collections or spaces on the basis of the content creator’s race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, personal history, or political beliefs.
- Credentials and reputation of the publisher.
- Attention of professional critical reviewers and selection sources.
- Timeliness, topicality, or importance of the Library resource as a document or recording of the times.
- Accuracy of scientific or historical fact.
- Suitability of format for the Library environment.
- Library resource cost as a reasonable value for anticipated use.
- Popular demand.

The District offers Library resources in languages other than English that reflect the languages spoken and taught within District boundaries.

Selection of resources for the District’s collection will not be inhibited by the possibility that some resources may come into the possession of children. The District is not responsible for the reading, listening, or viewing of Library resources by children, leaving that responsibility with parents and legal guardians.

District collections are not and should not be considered a primary source of materials needed for formal courses of study offered by elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher learning.

The District reserves the right to decline any unsolicited offer of Library resources from third parties for any reason at any time with the sole exception of self-published resources described in this policy.

Submissions of self-published materials will only be considered for inclusion in the collection if the content creator is a District resident cardholder. Submitted materials must be donated and will become the sole property of the District. The District reserves the right to refuse any donated self-published materials that do not meet the above selection criteria.

9.2. Reconsideration of a Library Resource

Library resources accepted under this policy will not be removed from District collections or spaces at the request of individuals who disagree with that acceptance unless it can be demonstrated that the Library resource violates this policy.

Barrington Public Library District cardholders who request the reconsideration of a Library resource will be referred immediately to the appropriate District Department Head to discuss the resource and *9.0 Library Resource Selection*.

If the cardholder insists that a Library resource be withdrawn from the District, *9.3 Request for Reconsideration of a Library Resource Procedure* will be followed.

During the review process outlined in *9.3 Request for Reconsideration of a Library Resource Procedure*, the District will take appropriate action to ensure that the resource in question will continue to be available until a final determination has been made.

9.3. Request for Reconsideration of a Library Resource Procedure

The District cardholder must complete the Request for Reconsideration of a Library Resource form, available at any District service desk or from the District's website, which will be submitted to the Executive Director.

The submitted request will be reviewed by the Executive Director, appropriate Department Head, and other District staff members involved in resource selection to determine if the resource is in violation of *9.0 Library Resource Selection*.

The Executive Director will respond in writing to the cardholder with a determination within thirty days of their submission.

If the cardholder is not satisfied with the Executive Director's determination, they may submit a written appeal to the Board of Trustees, requesting that

the appeal be placed on an upcoming Board of Trustees regular meeting agenda. The Board will review the submitted Request for Reconsideration of a Library Resource form, the Executive Director's determination letter, the cardholder's appeal, and the resource in question and make a determination on the matter, notifying the cardholder in writing of the Board's decision. The determination of the Board shall be final.