

# **VALENTINE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## **Collection Development Policy**

### **1. Purpose of the Valentine Public Library in Collection Development**

In keeping with the Valentine Public Library's mission statement, the purpose of the library is to provide a variety of services to fill the needs of the community. The library is supported by the taxpayers of the City of Valentine and Cherry County and its materials are made available to residents of all ages on an equal basis free of charge. Residents living outside Cherry County may have a library card for an annual fee which will give the cardholder access to the same services as a local resident.

### **2. Goals of the Valentine Public Library within Collection Development**

1. Identify and respond to the needs of the clientele.
2. Collect and organize books and other printed, visual, and recorded materials to meet the user's needs for recreation, information, reference and research.
3. Make materials, information, and services accessible to all members of the community.
4. Recruit, train, support, and retain a competent and motivated staff that is service oriented.

### **3. Objectives of the Valentine Public Library within Collection Development**

1. To assemble, preserve, and administer, in organized collections, books and related recreational and educational material.
2. To provide recreational reading materials for leisure and personal enrichment
3. To facilitate continuing education, both formal and informal.
4. To serve the community as a center for reliable information.
5. To support educational, civic and cultural activities of groups and organizations.
6. To provide opportunity and encouragement for everyone to educate themselves continuously.
7. To be aware of community needs, to provide programs of service to meet such needs, and to cooperate with other organizations, agencies and institutions, which can provide programs to meet community needs.

### **4. Cooperative Programs**

1. Interlibrary loan.
2. Inter-local agreement with Cherry County to provide bookmobile service, book and library services to rural schools and county residents.
3. NebraskaAccess online database provided through the Nebraska Library Commission.
4. To inform and educate the public on available services offered through the State of Nebraska in partnership with the Nebraska Library

- Commission such as programs targeted at job creation, training, distance learning and e-government services.
5. To provide access to health care information.
  6. To provide access to E-books and material through Overdrive.

## **5. Community Profile**

The community of Valentine consists of a populace of approximately 2,800 people residing within the city limits. Cherry County is approximately 5,800 square miles with the City of Valentine serving as the county seat. There are 6 rural grade schools in Cherry County. One parochial school, a Valentine K-5 Elementary School, A Middle School, grades 6-8 and a High School are within the city limits. Located in Cody, NE is a High School grades 9 – 12.

## **6. Description of Collection**

There are approximately 28,500 volumes in the collection. The library provides a broad range of general interest materials including; adult fiction and non-fiction, large print, westerns, reference, Nebraska and local history, genealogy, children's fiction and non-fiction, young adult fiction and non-fiction, periodicals, newspapers, audio books, videos, cake pans and other non-book related items. The library also provides access to electronic audio and e-books through Nebraska OverDrive. New books and materials are constantly being added to the collection in all areas.

## **7. Definitions**

1. "Selection" is the decision to add a piece of library material to the collection or to remove it from the collection.
2. "Library material" is any format of material added to the collection, including but not limited to: books, magazines, audio material, videos, photographs, maps, pamphlets, clippings, microfilm or microfiche, and online databases. New formats that become available as technology changes shall automatically be included in the term "library materials".
3. "Material review" is an evaluation written by a person knowledgeable about the material's subject matter. Reviews occur in library review journals, professional journals, newspapers, online sources and in other popular media. Primary review sources include, Booklist, Library Journal, Ingram Advance, and online sources such as Amazon and Goodreads.
4. "Deselection" is the component of selection that involves removing items from the collection or "weeding."
5. "Collection management" includes selection, deselection, preservation, storage, budgeting and resource allocation, collection evaluation, and facilitating patron access to library materials.

## **8. Materials Selection Philosophy**

Library materials are chosen to serve the recreational, informational, educational, and cultural needs of the entire community. The primary goal is

