

Walton & Tipton Township Public Library

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Library Mission

It is the intent of the Walton & Tipton Township Public Library to be accountable to our patrons by providing quality library service with fast, friendly, and accurate assistance by offering current technology, reference resources, and leisure material. We also strive to provide preservation of local history and genealogy for the enrichment, education, and entertainment of our diverse community.

Support for Intellectual Freedom

The Library provides an impartial environment in which individuals and their interests are brought together with a universe of ideas and information spanning a wide and diverse spectrum of knowledge and opinions. The Library board affirms the American Library Association's <u>Library Bill of Rights</u>, <u>Freedom to View</u>, and <u>Freedom to Read</u> policy statements in support of acquiring and managing collections.

Objectives

The Library's materials collection is developed and managed to meet the cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs of the Library's service area. The Library builds and maintains a patron-oriented collection by anticipating and responding to the needs and expectations of all facets of the community.

Responsibility for Selection

The Director is ultimately responsible for the selection of materials. Managers work with staff to oversee the development of the Library collection by:

- Engaging in open, continuous, two-way communication with Library patrons and recognizing that individuals have different ways of expressing their needs based on age, language, economic status, culture, or other characteristics
- Interacting with patrons with understanding, respect, and responsiveness
- Handling all request equitably
- Working in partnership with one another to understand and respond to community needs
- Understanding and responding to rapidly changing demographics, as well as societal and technological changes
- Recognizing that materials of varying complexities and formats are necessary to satisfy the diverse needs of Library users
- Balancing individual needs and broader community needs in determining the best allocation of the collection budget for acquiring or providing access to materials and information
- Seeking continuous improvement through ongoing measurement
- Reviewing the collection on a regular basis to identify areas of community interest that may need to be strengthened