

**Portland Library
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Library Policies Access to Library Materials

The Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association, article five, states, "A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views."

Therefore, this library assures free access to its holdings for all patrons who may select or reject for themselves any item in the collection.

Processing and shelving of materials shall in no way reflect a value judgment of the materials. All materials will be shelved in their proper order on open shelves, freely and easily accessible to the public, except for the historical collection and some items which might invite theft.

Children are not limited to the children's collection, although that collection is kept together to facilitate use. The parent who would rather his child did not have access to certain materials must so instruct the child.

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