

Statement of Intellectual Freedom and Censorship

The Lois Nelson Public Library subscribes to and supports the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and its interpretations and the American Library Association Freedom to Read Statement (see Appendices).

The Library takes no sides on public issues and does not attempt to promote any beliefs or points of view through its collection. The library also does not endorse the opinions expressed in the materials held. The library recognizes its responsibility to provide materials representing different sides of controversial issues.

The standards stated in this policy will apply equally to the materials for children. Responsibility for the reading of children rests with their parents or legal guardians. Parents who wish to limit or restrict the reading of their own child should personally oversee that child's choice of reading material. Selection of library materials will not be inhibited by the possibility that books may come into the possession of children.