

MINUTES
POLICY COMMITTEE
November 18, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
Fairview Heights Public Library

Meeting called to order at 1.32pm

Policy Committee Members in Attendance: Rochelle Hobson (Chair), Bill Poletti, Patti Hopkins, Alternate Committee Member, Carolyn Clark. Also in attendance: Jill Pifer, Library Director, Ashlee Whitaker, Head of Youth Services/Assistant Director

Public Participation: None.

I. Review and discuss draft Materials Selection policy

Comprehensive updates were made to the existing Material Selection policy to the extent that the existing policy was replaced with the proposed Resource Selection and Development Policy. This updated policy addresses current trends in collection development as well as challenges to material that may be brought by patrons. It also weaves in verbiage on library collection gifts and donations, requests for reconsideration and withdrawal of materials. These elements previously existed in separate policies entitled Gifts to the Library, Reconsideration of Materials and Weeding. If approved by the full board, these later policies will be superseded by the new Resource Selection and Development Policy and the previous policies will be removed.

Motion #1 (B. Poletti/R. Hobson) To approve the Resource Selection and Development Policy as presented and move to the full board. **Motion passed via consensus.**

II. Review and discuss draft Programming policy

This is a new policy that was recommended as a core policy in the new Public Library Standards. The Library Director reached out to several libraries that had current challenges to library programs so as to best capture a policy that would cover the most recent issues that libraries are experiencing. Several of the areas addressed in the policy have been issues to our programming staff and having a policy that addresses what the staff are doing in practice will be helpful. As well, the policy allows for patrons to object to any programming and submit a reconsideration of a program form that will trigger a review of the program and its contents. One edit to the form was suggested and will be added when the policy is presented at the January board meeting.

Motion #2 (R. Hobson/ B. Poletti) To approve the Programming Policy as amended and move to the full board. **Motion passed via consensus.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Submitted by:

**Rochelle Hobson
Chair, Policy Committee**