

Anti-Censorship Policy

The Hillsboro Area Public Library District is committed to providing free and open access to information, ideas, and expressions of all perspectives. The library is home to many, varied subjects. The choice of the library materials rests within the individual patron. Responsibility for what material those under the age of 18 check out, is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

No one else has the right to censor or try to ban library materials. The Hillsboro Area Public Library District has adopted the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights, the ALA Freedom to Read Statement, and the “Freedom to View” statement of the American Film and Video Association. These documents provide the protection for all people to read/view what they wish. We are against censorship of library materials in any way.

As a small public library, we strive to provide materials in a broad range of subjects and types. As a member of the IL Heartland Library System, we are able to provide more materials than our small library budget allows us to own. We do not censor what items patrons wish to be ordered from other libraries.

While a Patron may find something objectionable in specific materials, we encourage them to return the item and we will gladly assist them in finding alternative materials more to their liking. Formal requests for reconsideration of a specific material in the library’s possession may be made in writing and given to the library director. The director will then consult with the library board, who will make the final decision on the matter.

Freedom to access information is a fundamental right in a democratic society and the Hillsboro Area Public Library District strives to uphold this right and serve the patron of our community to the best of our ability.

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