

Duchesne County Library System Collection Development Policy

Demographics

Duchesne County Library System endeavors to serve a county population of approximately 20,400 residents as of 2013. The county has an area of 3,255 sq. mi. making 6.25 people/sq. mi. 34.7% of the county is forest service land. Approximately 34.3% of the population is under 18 years of age (7,000 youth), 10.4% is under 5 years of age (2,120 children), and 10.9% is over 65 years of age (2,220 adults). 91.6% identifies as white (18,690), 4.6% as American Indian or Alaskan native (945), and 3.8% as other races (765). 8.9% speak a language other than English at home (1,815). 86.5% graduated high school (17,650), and 15.4% completed a bachelor's degree or higher (3,140). 11.6% live in poverty (2,365) and the median income is \$60,700. Unemployment is at 3.4%. The three principle industries are government, trade/transportation/utilities, and mining/logging.¹

The Roosevelt branch also serves some residents of western Uintah County due to proximity in comparison with the distance to Uintah County Library. The Duchesne County Library System is in a consortium with Uintah County Library. Interlibrary Loans and Utah Online Library resources through Utah State Library are also available.

Purpose of the Collection

The collection of the branches of the Duchesne County Library System are developed and maintained under the purpose of providing equitable access to information to all patrons of the library. This includes providing varying viewpoints and formats. The library system neither approves nor disapproves of views expressed in materials included in the collection. The collection is mostly of a popular nature with particular emphasis on children's literature, popular fiction, and independent learning resources. Despite its popular emphasis the library seeks to provide positively reviewed or recommended non-fiction resources as well.

Selection Criteria

The library system selects materials for the collection through a variety of factors including:

- Anticipated demand
- Merit of the work as a whole
- Evaluations of review media
- Current library holdings and budget

The library will consider requests from library patrons and staff. Items of an illegal nature will not be included in the collection.

¹ National Association of Counties. *County Explorer*. explorer.naco.org Accessed 03/09/2016.

Deselection

The library collection operates on limited physical space and budget facilitating a continual need to deselection resources from the collection. Factors contributing to the deselection of a resource include:

- Currency of information
- Physical condition of the resource
- Lack of resource use by the community

Items in poor condition that are still in demand will be replaced. Items of lasting literary value sometimes referred to as “classics” or other award winners—will be considered for retention despite its age. The library will seek to sell or repurpose deselected resources.

Donations

The library system appreciates the community’s interest in contributing to the library. The library system reserves the right to accept and use donations without restrictions on current or future use, and reserves the right to dispose of items according to its deselection policy. The library does not appraise the value of items.

Reconsideration of Resources

As a democratic institution serving a diverse population the library seeks to respect all patrons’ right to intellectual freedom and access to information. The library recognizes that some resources in the collection may be of a controversial nature. Any patron that wishes to express concern about a resource in the collection must complete the *Request for Reconsideration of Library Resources* form and give it to the Library Director for consideration. The Library Director will make a written decision seeking out published reviews of the resource while considering the mission and values of the library. If the patron is unsatisfied with the Library Director’s decision, the patron may request the matter to be placed on the next regular agenda of the Duchesne County Library Board of Trustees. The written decision of the Library Board of Trustees will be final. A resource will not be removed from the collection until a decision is made.

Policy Review

This policy shall be reviewed at least once every three years by the Duchesne County Library Board of Trustees.

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