

## Controversial Materials Policy

The goal of Medicine Spring Library is to make available materials representing a wide range of viewpoints in conformity with the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights. An effort will be made to include materials representing views with which the staff and community disagree. Books or other items, which represent unpopular outlooks, will not be removed because many people find them disagreeable. Patrons who oppose the conclusions or viewpoints of available materials will normally be invited to either donate or suggest the purchase of items representing their perspective on the issue.

In the event that a patron feels that an item in the library is of no socially redeeming value, they can file an objection to the material. This objection must be on the attached form and must state the specific portions of the materials that the patron finds offensive and why they feel the material is of no value. The patron will be requested to suggest titles, which balance out or correct the viewpoint taken in the offending item. The offending item will not necessarily be removed, but the library will attempt to balance the viewpoint of the offending item.

The collection will include materials representing a wide range of political and religious viewpoints. Unless the material advocating religious and/or political philosophies relate directly to a college class, it would not be purchased with library funds. Donations are the normal source of this type of book. All sectarian or partisan material should clearly indicate its particular viewpoint. The minimal shelf space available requires that this type of material be stocked only in limited amounts. Students need access to different religious and political philosophies, but it is the library's obligation to keep a diverse and balanced selection available. When maintaining balance is a problem, donors may be requested to donate money or represent opposing viewpoints as a condition for accepting their donations.

<https://forms.gle/z2TkYxM5XQrvxkD7A>