

- COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

MAMAKATING LIBRARY

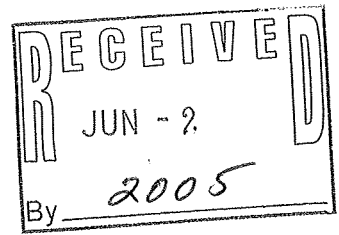
Policies for library operation:

Collection development and weeding:

The library will buy new fiction titles and selected new children's materials using a library vendor. This vendor gives free delivery of materials and good discounts off the list price.

Since each branch is limited in space, adding new materials requires that older resources be weeded out of the collection. This is especially important in the case of reference materials where accuracy and timeliness is essential so wrong or incorrect information is not put into patrons hands without them knowing the facts.

This library will continue to have access to print materials in other libraries and to electronic materials that are updated frequently so we do not need to keep outdated materials on our shelves just so we have something to give patrons when they come to the library for information or for reading material.



Library description:

Mamakating Library District was created by vote of the residents in 2002 to serve everyone in the town of Mamakating who lives in the Monticello and Pine Bush school districts. There are also a few families served in the Minisink Valley school district.

We operate two branches: one located in the village of Bloomingburg and the second in the village of Wurtsboro. Since each branch is limited in size, the amount of library material, such as books, videos, and magazines, the seating space, and the area for programs is also limited.

We can partly overcome this problem of lack of resources because we are able to borrow or share in the resources owned by other libraries. We also share our resources with their residents. When you search the holdings of Mamakating library, you are also searching the resources of all of our neighboring libraries.

We share a catalog of more than 2,000,000 items owned by ourselves and 50 other libraries. These materials are almost all available for borrowing and delivery from other libraries to our branches for Mamakating residents who have library cards. This service is available in the library or from a home computer.

By mutual agreement among the member libraries of the system, which operates the electronic catalog and delivers materials, we also will serve people who have library cards from neighboring member libraries like Ellenville, Monticello and Pine Bush. Likewise, our residents can use those libraries by agreement.

In addition to these print resources, we also share a number of electronic subscriptions that allow us to offer additional access that requires only the space taken up by a computer.

Since we are almost equally divided in the number of students who attend either Monticello or Pine Bush schools, we offer these computer services at both branches to our students who live closest to either branch. These services include on-line access to magazines and reference materials for help with homework, research or other learning activities. Some of these services are available at home for students with home computers.

Trained staff at the library can assist students in learning how to use the on-line resources. Both branches offer weekend and evening hours to allow students to use the library when they have time available.