

The Wallkill Public Library attempts to provide a comprehensive, well-balance collection of materials to meet the needs of the community. Library materials are provided to facilitate informal education and encourage life-long learning as well as to meet informational and recreational needs.

The Library Director/Manager is responsible for the selection of books and other library materials and for the weeding of worn and out-dated materials. Annually, the director reviews the materials budget of the library and designates funds into selection areas for the growth, maintenance, or replacement needs of the collection.

Materials are purchased both for circulation and the non-circulating reference area. Materials may be placed in the reference area because they are necessary to support the research needs of the community, their high cost, or extreme demand. Every attempt is made to place the most current edition of a reference book in the reference area within the confines of the budget. Some of the older editions may then be moved into the circulating collection.

The collection of materials in the library is divided into four collection areas: Adult, Young Adult, Juvenile, and Reference. Patrons are guided to materials which are best suited to their needs; however no patron is restricted to any collection because of age. The use of materials by patrons is an individual or family responsibility. It is the policy of the library not to act "in loco parentis" in keeping with the principles of equal access to information and materials for all.

It is the responsibility of the public library to meet the informational and recreational reading needs of all the members of the community. If a patron finds it necessary to request reconsideration of the placement of materials in the library's collection, he may obtain a "Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials" form (see attached) from any staff member. The form should be completed in its entirety and must be signed in order to be accepted. The director will review the material in question and find other professional opinions in regard to the material. The request will then be reviewed at a public meeting of the Board of Trustees and the patron notified in writing of the decision.