

Marshall District Library – Policies

2. Library Collection Development

F. General Criteria for Selection

Each type of material must be considered in terms of its own merit and intended audience. All selections, both purchases and gifts, must meet some of the following criteria:

- a. Appeal to the interests and needs of the community.
- b. Permanent value as source material or interpretation.
- c. Vitality and originality of thought.
- d. Contemporary significance.
- e. Artistic excellence.
- f. Entertaining presentation.
- g. Accuracy and objectivity.
- h. Suitability of physical format for library use.
- i. Skill, competence, and purpose of the author.
- j. Technical quality (in selection of non-book material).
- k. Local, state, or regional historical significance.
- l. Cost and availability.
- m. Importance of the subject matter to the collection.
- n. Clear presentation and legibility.