

LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

I. MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Support Services (GLBTSSS) Library is to support the mission of the GLBTSSS Office by providing resources for personal and community education about GLBT issues.

II. COMMUNITY AND PATRON DEMOGRAPHICS

The GLBTSSS Library is intended for use primarily by the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and supportive members of the community. This community is composed of Indiana University students, staff, and faculty, as well as community members from Bloomington, Indiana, and the surrounding areas. No patron may be barred from use of the Library due to their beliefs or sexual orientation (please note the Indiana University non-discrimination policy: <http://www.indiana.edu/~gibt/>)

III. FORMATS AND SUBJECTS TO BE COLLECTED

The GLBTSSS Library collects, maintains, and makes available popular and scholarly materials relevant to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community. Materials will be collected in a broad variety of formats.

A) Subjects Collected

The GLBTSSS Library collects materials in a broad variety of subjects, including but not limited to history, sociology, political science, education, psychology and health, philosophy and religion, culture, and literature. Examples may include topics such as coming out, GLBT minorities, GLBT parenting, and fiction.

Please note that in terms of collection development, from time to time specific areas may have priority due to a historical lack of acknowledgement that renders collection in these areas a necessity in order to provide a well-rounded collection overall.

The GLBTSSS Library collects many materials that provide insights and understanding of the diversity of experiences, attitudes, and sexual behaviors of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender, and gender queer individuals. This includes controversial materials dealing with the topics of safer sex practices, the BDSM community, polyamory, and pedophilia, among others.

B) Challenges and Objections to Materials

The GLBTSSS Library, in accordance with the American Library Association's Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read Statement, does not want to restrict the purchase, donation, or circulation of any material due to the viewpoints and messages expressed therein. However, the Library will not purchase, circulate, or accept donations of any material that encourages sexual practices that are illegal (e.g., sex with underage persons, non-consensual sex, incest, or bestiality). The Library will continue to purchase, circulate, and accept donations of any material that depicts and/or examines

these issues.

If an objection arises to materials in the collection, the GLBT Advisory Board on a case-by case basis will review challenges to any materials owned by the GLBTSSS Library.

IV. DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLECTION

A) Selection Responsibilities

Primary selection responsibilities will be that of the Library Coordinator. Final decision of selections for the library will be the responsibility of the GLBTSSS Coordinator. Selectors shall consult a wide range of popular and scholarly review sources when making selections on all formats of material.

B) Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for materials are as follows:

- *Content:* The content of the material must be relevant to GLBT persons and their communities in a substantial way.
- *Availability:* Lower priority shall be given for acquisition to materials that are held by another campus library (barring the Kinsey Institute).
- *Copyright:* The library will only make available materials that are copyright compliant or are used with permission of the creator or producer.
- *Other Considerations:* Materials should match collection priorities, and be reasonably priced given the Library budget.

V. WITHDRAWAL OF MATERIALS

Materials may be discarded from the GLBTSSS Library when they are no longer deemed relevant to the GLBT community. Most books will not be held in duplicate. However, books that have high appeal or are frequently used by office staff and interns, may have duplicate holdings. Books that are in poor condition will be discarded if better copies can be obtained.

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