The collection supports the library’s mission to provide for the informational, cultural, entertainment and educational needs of the citizens of Rockingham County in the most efficient, economical, and courteous way. It is the goal of the Library to provide equitable access to ideas and knowledge. The Library is committed to making the collections accessible to people with disabilities by offering a choice of formats. This policy sets out the parameters for the development of the collections and decisions on the selection of materials and is the basis for collection evaluation, planning and budgeting.

- The library provides a collection of books and materials that is responsive to the needs and interests of a diverse community:
  - Including a variety of alternative formats,
  - Including multilingual materials in response to community need

- The collections shall be balanced and represent diverse points of view and may include materials that some members of the public consider to be controversial in nature.

- The presence of an item in the library does not indicate an endorsement of its content.

- It may happen that materials in the collections meet the needs of students, but this is not the primary reason for their selection. It is the responsibility of schools to provide materials, which support their curricula.

- The library develops collections which include, but are not limited to, the following areas: fiction and non-fiction for adults, Young Adult and juveniles; magazines, picture books, music, local history and local interest, adult literacy, Electronic-Content and access to government documents.

- The library participates in consortia to broaden the scope and size of the collection.