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Collection Development Policy

As part of its statutory duties and functions, the Vermont Department of Libraries maintains various library collections of resources to serve the research and information needs of state government, to strengthen local libraries, to foster means of cooperation and resource sharing among all types of libraries, to meet the information needs of Vermont citizens, and to supply “reading materials for the blind and physically handicapped.”


[\(22 V.S.A. § 605-606\)](#)

The Department of Libraries collections shall reflect Vermont’s diverse people and history, including a diversity of race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability status, religion, and political beliefs and a diversity of authors, creators, and media.

The Department of Libraries collections shall reflect a commitment to intellectual freedom. Adherence to Vermont’s anti-discrimination laws, First Amendment rights to free speech and free inquiry, equal protection under the law afforded by the Fourteenth Amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 shall underpin the practices and practical processes of maintaining State Library collections.

This policy encompasses all divisions/units of the Department and their library collections.

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