

BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Goals & Philosophy of the Library Media Center

It is the goal of the school library facilities of Barnstead to serve the intellectual, informational, curriculum, and recreational needs of the students in as complete and unbiased a manner as possible. Materials, whether purchased or donated, should be accepted into these facilities on the basis of their potential benefit to the students and faculty. Selection of materials should be made on the basis of the principles outlined on the American Library Association's "School Library Bill of Rights" statement, which is included below.

"School Library Bill of Rights"

School libraries are concerned with generating understanding of American freedoms and with the preservation of these freedoms through the development of informed and responsible citizens. To this end, the American Association of School Librarians reaffirms the Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association and asserts that the responsibility of the school library is:

1. to provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the pupils served,
2. to provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards,
3. to provide a background of information which will enable pupils to make intelligent judgments in their daily life,
4. to provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking,
5. to provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage,
6. to place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library.

(Adopted by the American Association of School Libraries, a Division of the American Library Association, and endorsed by the Council of the American Library Association, July 1955).

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