

Polk County Public Libraries Fair Treatment Policy

The Board of Trustees of the Polk County Public Libraries has adopted the American Library Association's **Library Bill of Rights:**

The Library Bill of Rights affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- II. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- III. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- IV. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- V. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

Adopted June 18, 1948, by the ALA Council; amended February 2, 1961; amended June 28, 1967; amended January 23, 1980; inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 24, 1996.

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Polk County Public Libraries

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