

LEWIS LIBRARY OF GLASGOW

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

LEWIS LIBRARY OF GLASGOW CONNECTS PEOPLE WITH INFORMATION, IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES TO PROVIDE ENJOYMENT, ENRICH LIVES AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY.

LEWIS LIBRARY OF GLASGOW COLLECTS MATERIALS WHICH FUNCTION AS A MAJOR INFORMATION SOURCE FOR OUR PATRONS. THE COLLECTION ALSO SERVES THE POPULAR AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND REFLECTS THE RACIAL, ETHNIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF THE COMMUNITY.

PATRON USE IS THE MOST POWERFUL INFLUENCE ON THE LIBRARY COLLECTION. CIRCULATION, CUSTOMER PURCHASE REQUESTS AND HOLD LEVELS ARE ALL CLOSELY MONITORED, TRIGGERING THE PURCHASE OF NEW ITEMS.

THE LIBRARY UPHOLDS THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO ACCESS INFORMATION, EVEN THOUGH THE CONTENT MAY BE CONTROVERSIAL, UNORTHODOX OR UNACCEPTABLE TO OTHERS.

MATERIALS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS ARE INTENDED TO BROADEN THEIR VISION, SUPPORT RECREATIONAL READING, ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE READING SKILLS, SUPPLEMENT THEIR EDUCATION NEEDS, STIMULATE AND WIDEN THEIR INTEREST, LEAD TO RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF LITERATURE AND REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF THE COMMUNITY.

OUR COLLECTION IS DESIGNATED BY AGE APPROPRIATENESS AS FOLLOWS:

CHILDREN AGES 0-7, JUNIOR 8-11, YOUNG ADULT 12-18 AND ADULTS

THE LIBRARY COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN AGE BIRTH THROUGH AGE SEVEN IS LOCATED IN THE CHILDRENS LIBRARY, A SEPARATE PHYSICAL SPACE FOR THESE CHILDREN.

SEPARATE BOOKSHELFS CONTAIN COLLECTIONS FOR JUVENILES/YOUNG ADULTS

IN GENERAL, DECISIONS TO PLACE PARTICULAR ITEMS IN THE COLLECTIONS ARE DONE BY THE STANDARD OF THE AVERAGE PERSON, APPLYING CONTEMPORARY COMMUNITY STANDARDS NATIONWIDE, WOULD FIND THAT THE MATERIALS, TAKEN AS A WHOLE, HAS A TENDENCY TO APPEAL TO THESE AGE GROUPS.

THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION CRITERIA INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

RELEVANCE TO INTEREST AND NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

EXTENT OF PUBLICITY, CRITICAL REVIEW AND CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED DEMAND

CURRENT AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AUTHOR OF SUBJECT

RELEVANCE TO THE EXISTING COLLECTION'S STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS

SUITABILITY OF FORMAT TO LIBRARY CIRCULATION AND USE

DATE PUBLICATION

PRICE, AVAILABILITY AND LIBRARY MATERIALS BUDGET.