

SCHOOL LIBRARIES/MEDIA CENTERS

The primary function of a school's library media center is to implement, enrich and support the educational program of the school. The center provides a wide range of materials at various levels of sophistication with a diversity of appeal and the presentation of different points of view.

To this end the school board declares that the primary responsibilities of the library media center are:

To provide materials that will stimulate the acquisition of factual knowledge and the development of literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards;

To provide a source of information which, when consulted, may enable pupils to make informed judgments;

To provide materials containing a wide range of views on controversial issues so that students may develop the practice of critical reading and thinking;

To provide materials representative of religious, ethnic and cultural groups and their contribution to our American heritage;

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 media center.

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