

Satre Memorial Milnor School Library Selection/Collection Development Policy

The purpose of the Satre memorial Milnor School Library(SMMSL) is to provide all individuals in the community with carefully selected books and other materials to aid the individual in the pursuit of education, information, research, pleasure, and the creative use of leisure time.

Because of the volume of publishing, as well as the limitations of budget and space, the library must have a selection policy with which to meet community interests and needs.

The materials selection/collection development policy is used by the library staff in the selection of materials.

The Library Bill of Rights and The Freedom to Read Statement have been endorsed by the Satre Memorial Milnor School Library.

The materials selection/collection development policy, like all other policies, will be reviewed and/or revised as the need arises.

The ultimate responsibility for selection of library materials rests with the library director who operates within the framework of the policies determined by Satre Memorial Milnor School Library Board.

Criteria for Selection

The main points considered in the selection of materials are:

- Individual merit of each item
- Popular appeal/demand
- Suitability of material for the clientele
- Existing library holdings
- Budget

Reviews are a major source of information about new materials. Reviews are not limited to one source.

Consideration is given to request from library patrons and books discussed on public media. Materials are judged on the basis of the work as a whole, not on a part taken out of context.

Challenged Materials

Although materials are carefully selected, there can arise differences of opinion regarding suitable materials. There is an informal complaint or Request for reconsideration of material form which is brought to the Library Board.