



Banks Public Library Collection Development Statement

This Collection Development Statement has been created using the current Banks Public Library Materials Selection Policy as its basis.

Scope of the Collection

The size and scope of the collection at the Banks Public Library is limited as appropriate to a small community. The role of the Library's collection development is to spark discovery, encourage reading readiness in young children, and to offer the community reflections of themselves and the world at large. The Library considers the diversity of human cultures and backgrounds when making decisions about its collection.

The content of the collection is primarily popular reading for adults, young adults and children. The goals for selecting materials are that young readers will find materials to inspire, encourage and support basic learning skills and that all ages will find materials to excite their imaginations and provide pleasurable reading, viewing and listening experiences.

As a member of Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS), Banks Library patrons have access to the combined collections of all public libraries in the cooperative. Internet-based information, entertainment and learning resources, as well as e-books and e-audiobooks are made available through Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) to all residents county-wide.

Reference questions are answered by staff primarily through the use of online resources and those that cannot be answered at the Banks Public Library are referred to other reference resources within the Cooperative.

Subject Areas of Particular Interest

ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS:

- Popular Fiction, Non-fiction and Entertainment
- Practical Information for Adults, particularly the following:
 - Family Living
 - Cooking, Crafts and Applied Arts
 - Gardening, Landscaping and Rural Living

CHILDREN: (intended to supplement, not duplicate, school materials)

- Picture Books and Reading Readiness Materials
- Early and Beginning Readers
- Chapter Books and Entertainment
- Homework and Learning Support for Popular Activities
- Practical Information, such as Animal Husbandry and Natural Science

Non-Print Formats (will be considered based on available budget and current user demand)

- Books on CD
- Educational Kits containing Books & Sound Recordings; Electronic Games
- Mixed Media
- Music on CD
- Video Recordings in DVD and Blu-Ray format
- Audiobooks preloaded on a device, such as a Playaway

Formats the Library Will Not Purchase or Accept as Donated Items

- Books on Tape
- Computer Software
- Music on cassette and records
- Video Recordings in VHS format

Multiple Copies

Unless there is considerable demand, multiple copies of the same title are not routinely purchased. Donations of popular items are welcome.

Magazines and Newspapers

Subscriptions to magazines of a popular nature and of interest to local borrowers, as well as local newspapers, are maintained as the budget allows. Back issues of certain titles are retained as deemed needed and useful. Magazines are selected based on the criteria in the Materials Selection Policy.

Interlibrary Loan

Banks Public Library, as a member of WCCLS, and through the countywide automated circulation system, has access to the collections of all public libraries and some special libraries in the County. In addition, patrons may request materials from libraries outside the Cooperative with the understanding that a fee may be incurred.

Review Date

The Library Director and the Library Board will review this document biannually in October or at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting.