



Woodstock Public Library Policy

Policy Name: Intellectual Freedom Policy

Category: Library Administration

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POLICY STATEMENT AND RATIONALE

Woodstock Public Library's commitment to intellectual freedom is essential to provide collections, digital and technology services, programming, and outreach that allow the Woodstock community access to all expressions of intellectual activity.

SCOPE

Woodstock Public Library's policy on Intellectual Freedom does not apply to the expression or dissemination of views that promote and/or incite hatred as defined by the *Criminal Code of Canada*. Such communications are prohibited on library premises and may result in a person's immediate expulsion from the premises and referral of the matter to Woodstock Police Service.

The application of this policy to specific services, e.g. collections, programming, room rentals, etc. is described within the respective policies related to those services.

STATEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

Woodstock Public Library (WPL) endorses the Statement on Intellectual Freedom as set out by the Canadian Library Association and echoed by the Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA). WPL also endorses the Ontario Library Association's (OLA's) Statement on Intellectual Freedom and the Intellectual Rights of the Individual.

RELATED DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES

[CFLA Statement on Intellectual Freedom](#)

[OLA Statement on Intellectual Freedom and the Intellectual Rights of the Individual](#)

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms: Section 2(b)

Criminal Code: Sections 63, 297, 318

Ontario Human Rights Code: Sub-section 13

Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Policy
Bulletin Boards and Distribution of Free Materials Policy
Collection Development Policy
Programming Policy
Public Code of Conduct
Public Use of Library Facilities Policy
Trespass Policy

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