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3 **INSTRUCTION**

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5 Selection of Library Materials

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7 The District has libraries in every school, with the primary objective of implementing and supporting the  
8 educational program in the schools. It is the objective of these libraries to provide a wide range of  
9 materials on all appropriate levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal and the presentation of different  
10 points of view.

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12 The provision of a wide variety of library materials at all reading levels supports the District’s basic  
13 principle that the school in a free society assists all students to develop their talents fully so that they  
14 become capable of contributing to the further good of that society.

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16 In support of these objectives, the Board reaffirms the principles of intellectual freedom inherent in the  
17 First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and guided by the principles set forth in the  
18 American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights and its interpretation for school libraries.

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20 The District superintendent is responsible for selection of library materials. Ultimate responsibility for  
21 the selection of library materials rests with the Board of Trustees, School District #38.

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23 The library materials selection process is delegated to the school principal and librarian. Any materials in  
24 questions can be reviewed by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees using Policy 1700.

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28 Legal reference: § 20-4-402(5), MCA Duties of district superintendent or county high school  
29 principal  
30 § 20-7-203, MCA Trustees’ policies for school library  
31 § 20-7-204, MCA School library book selection  
32 Library Bill of Rights  
33 American Library Association  
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36 Policy History:

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