

Policy

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To provide the most comprehensive and diverse collections of resources for public information and use aligned to community needs and interests.

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Policy:

1. The resources in the collections should equitably meet the intellectual, educational, economic, social and recreational information needs of the community.
2. Resources for adults are to reflect the needs of individuals from a wide range of social, cultural and educational backgrounds. The collection should cater for the abilities and interests of adults throughout their lives.
3. Resources for young adults aged thirteen to seventeen years should include material which satisfies their curiosity, deals with contemporary issues, in both fact and fiction, and meets their need for life skills development and self education. Young adults also require information for school assignments.
4. Resources for youth (babies, toddlers and children) up to the age of twelve should appeal to and meet the needs of individuals at various stages of development; from different social and cultural backgrounds and with different tastes and abilities.
5. Resources for people with special needs are to be provided in a range of alternative formats to meet the information needs of people who are unable to use conventional printed resources easily. Barriers to print access include various disabilities, learning and reading difficulties.

6. Resources for Aboriginal people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, are to be provided in English and relevant community languages, which:
 - Recognise the cultural diversity of the City of Kwinana,
 - Support the needs of members of Aboriginal, cultural or linguistic groups for resources which help them to maintain and develop their ancestral cultures and languages, and
 - Facilitate equity of access to information, regardless of culture and language, whilst maintaining the balance of the wider collection.

7. Documentary resources (for example documents, photographs, monographs and audiovisual materials) associated with the cultural heritage and history of the City of Kwinana are to be collected, preserved and shared with the local and broader community.

This policy relates to the City of Kwinana Public Library Collection Development Guidelines (D13/58021).