

ORANGE COAST COLLEGE LIBRARY

Selection and Acquisitions Policy

I. OBJECTIVES OF THE LIBRARY

The general purpose of the Orange Coast College library is to support and complement the college mission of promoting student success by providing a wide range of basic to in-depth resource materials, library instruction and encouragement of lifelong learning. At the same time, the library staff serves as a central and vital link for the informational and enrichment needs of all campus personnel.

The aim of the library is to offer a wide variety of materials embracing many fields of knowledge. Coverage of a field shall be of a general nature, not comprehensive. The library recognizes the importance of current interest materials as well as materials which have a basic and permanent value.

We believe that the maintenance of a free society requires free access to all points of view on all public issues. To this end, the library affirms its acceptance of the principles enumerated in the Library Bill of Rights as adopted by the American Library Association.

II. GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF MATERIALS

- A. Materials for the library will be selected in the following order of priority:
 - 1. Curriculum support.
 - 2. Outstanding items in specific fields of knowledge.
 - 3. Materials for professional growth of OCC faculty and staff.
 - 4. Recreational materials of interest to OCC library patrons.
- B. Items considered for addition to the collection will be evaluated according to:
 - 1. Faculty recommendations for materials that support OCC curriculum.
 - 2. Written reviews.
 - 3. Size and adequacy of the current collection.

