

MEDIA SELECTION POLICY FOR THE ROLAND PARK COUNTRY SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The primary objective of the Roland Park Country School libraries is to support and enrich the curriculum of R.P.C.S. To accomplish this objective, it is the responsibility of the libraries:

- To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into account the various abilities, interests and maturity levels of the students
- To provide information which is diverse in content and representative of the various religious, ethnic and culture groups and their contributions to the heritage of the United States
- To provide materials that will encourage development of factual knowledge, appreciation of literature, aesthetic values and moral and ethical standards
- To provide information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their everyday lives and that increase a student's understanding of her own emotional or personal growth
- To provide materials which present opposing sides of controversial issues in order that students may learn to recognize different points of view

Books and other materials are selected in various ways which include: book reviews; book selection lists; bibliographies; and student, faculty or parent suggestion. The collection is examined and weeded on a routine basis for currency and relevance. Books found to be valuable that are lost or worn out are replaced when possible. In general, text books or large numbers of the same title are not purchased. Materials purchased with library funds must be housed in the library. The final responsibility for the selection of materials lies with the Director of Libraries.