

Illinois Public Library Standards: Collection Management

Libraries select, maintain, and provide access to information and materials in a variety of formats for all ages of the community to fulfill their educational, informational, recreational, and cultural needs. Libraries have a policy that addresses the selection and evaluation of materials and their weeding process.

Collections may be expanded beyond the physical boundaries of libraries through resource sharing, cooperative collection management, electronic resources and virtual collections. Libraries are encouraged to enhance their collections by participating in interlibrary loan practices and utilizing digital resources through national, state, regional, and local cooperative programs.

STANDARD	CORE	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
1	The library has a Board-approved collection management policy that affirms the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and represents the community it serves. The policy is reviewed bi-annually. [75 ILCS 5/4-7.2; 75 ILCS 16/30-60]		
2	The library's budget has a designated budget line item for collection management.	Annual expenditure for materials for any size library ranges from 8 to 12% of the operating budget.	
3	The library has a process in place for collection management.	The library has staff who are responsible for collection management and are trained in the general principles of selection, inventory and weeding of materials.	Staff who are responsible for collection management are proficient in specific genres, age levels, and subjects.

4	The library agrees to make their resources, information and expertise available via interlibrary loan, reciprocal borrowing, and other formal cooperative agreements; and participate in system delivery.		
5	The library abides by the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code as well as other formal regional/consortial agreements.	The library publicizes and promotes interlibrary loan to its patrons.	The library provides patrons with the ability to make their own interlibrary loan requests with little mediation.
6	The library strives to provide a collection that reflects the needs and interests of the community as well as the diversity of human experience.	The library regularly reviews the collection to ensure its inclusivity.	The library implements a comprehensive collection maintenance plan that includes a 2-3 year schedule for evaluation and maintenance of every area of the collection.
7	The library provides access to materials in a variety of formats for individuals of all ages, interests, and abilities (e.g., print, digital, audio, video, large print).	The library circulates physical objects and digital tools (a.k.a. "Library of Things").	
8	Materials are cataloged according to standard library practices.	Staff are aware of the importance of culturally sensitive cataloging terminology.	
9	The library has a reconsideration of materials policy and process.		

10	The library serves as a repository for local history.	The library provides access to genealogy resources.	The library's special collections are digitized to preserve and provide broad access to these resources.
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