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## Materials Selection

The Barton Library collaborates with teaching faculty and staff to develop collections and services that support the College's curriculum and promote the ability to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively. The Library also provides resources to assist Community Members in finding information and answers to their questions.

The Library's core resource is its print and electronic collection, which is aligned with the mission of Barton Community College. Materials are selected based on their quality and suitability for the intended audience, with no single standard applied in all cases.

Material selection considers various criteria, including popular demand, author or publisher reputation, timeliness, accuracy, organization, reviewers' opinions, literary or artistic merit, social significance, cost, condition, quality, local relevance, and the availability of resources elsewhere. The accessibility of information through the internet, databases, and digital collections is also a key factor.

The Library strives to maintain a wide-ranging collection in multiple formats to meet the educational, informational, and recreational needs of the College community. Materials are chosen to reflect a wide range of interests, reading levels, cultural backgrounds, and viewpoints, including those on controversial issues. New formats are considered when demand and feasibility justify their inclusion.

Final decisions regarding material selection rest with the Director of Library and College Archives.

**Contact(s):** Director of Library and College Archives

**Related Forms:** [Reconsideration of Library Materials Form](#)

**Relevant Guideline(s) or Plan(s):** [Collection Development Plan](#); [Deaccession Guidelines](#); [Intellectual Freedom Guidelines](#); [Reconsideration of Materials](#)

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