

S P O K A N E C O U N T Y L I B R A R Y D I S T R I C T

Policy Title	Intellectual Freedom		
Approval Date	April 19, 2022	Revision Date	April 16, 2024
Related Policies	Access to Library Services Collection Development Computer, Wireless Network and Internet Use Customer Privileges and Responsibilities		
Purpose	Affirms the Spokane County Library District's (District) commitment to facilitating access to legally protected information without interference, surveillance, or scrutiny.		

In the event of the amendment of any law, regulation, or ordinance incorporated into this policy or upon which this policy relies, the policy shall be deemed amended in conformance with those changes.

In cases where this policy conflicts with any local ordinance, state or federal law, the terms of that law, and its underlying rules or regulations shall prevail. In all other cases, Spokane County Library District policies and practices prevail.

The Board reserves the right to change and/or modify this policy at any time, as circumstances dictate and in accordance with applicable law.

Policy:

Background

Enshrined as a fundamental freedom in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, free and open access to information gives people the resources to participate in the political process and strive toward self-improvement.

By collecting, organizing, and disseminating human expression in a variety of recorded formats, the Spokane County Library District joins with other public libraries that serve as one of our society's most visible commitments to free speech, self-education, and self-government.

General Policy

The District's Board of Trustees adopts the American Library Association's (ALA) position on intellectual freedom, as stated in the ALA's [Library Bill of Rights](#) and the ALA's and Association of American Publishers' (AAP) [Freedom to Read Statement](#).

The District will make a good faith effort to implement this policy in a fair and consistent manner.

The Executive Director will establish administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.