



## SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

### **POLICY: INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM**

Approval Date: April 19, 2022

#### **Related Policies**

Access to Library Services

Collection Development

Computer, Wireless Network and Internet Use

Customer Privileges and Responsibilities

#### **Purpose:**

The Spokane County Library District is committed to facilitating access to legally protected information without interference, surveillance, or scrutiny. 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.

#### **Policy:**

The District 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 Executive Director will establish administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy. Any appeal of an administrative action under this policy will first be made in writing to the Executive Director and then to the Board of Trustees.

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

Spokane County  
**LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
509.893.8200

**Airway Heights Library**  
509.893.8250

**Argonne Library**  
509.893.8260

**Cheney Library**  
509.893.8280

**Deer Park Library**  
509.893.8300

**Fairfield Library**  
509.893.8320

**Medical Lake Library**  
509.893.8330

**Moran Prairie Library**  
509.893.8340

**North Spokane Library**  
509.893.8350

**Otis Orchards Library**  
509.893.8390

**Spokane Valley Library**  
509.893.8400

**The BookEnd**  
Spokane Valley Mall  
509.893.8275