

Because Southeastern Illinois College is an educational institution, with the stated policy of “providing a wide variety of educational experiences” and with the expressed aim of “producing citizens who have not only salable skills, but who are also capable of assuring a useful and appropriate place in society and who can lead successful and satisfying personal lives.” The library follows the policies expressed in the “Library Bill of Rights” as adopted by the American Library Association and quoted in part below:

Library Bill of Rights

1. As a responsibility of the library service, books and other library materials selected should be chosen for values of interest, information and enlightenment of all the people of the community. In no case should library materials be excluded because of the race or nationality or the social, political, or religious views of the authors.
2. Libraries should provide books and other materials presenting all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times, no library materials should be proscribed or removed from libraries because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
3. Censorship should be challenged by libraries in the maintenance of their responsibility to provide public information and enlightenment.
4. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.

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