

# Woodlands Downloadable Library Selection Policy

The Woodlands Downloadable Library (WDL) is a cooperative group whose members consist of public libraries in central and southern Michigan. The WDL contracts with OverDrive to provide a collection of downloadable ebooks and audiobooks for its member libraries and their communities. Materials for the group collection are selected by a committee of representatives from various member libraries.

WDL recognizes that most public libraries have selection policies; this selection policy is not intended to reflect those individual local policies but rather is designed to serve the cooperative nature of the collection.

In selecting materials, WDL strives to provide a collection of popular fiction and nonfiction that will meet the interest and needs of varying audiences. Demand and use are key factors in the development of the collection. Materials will be selected on the basis of anticipated or expressed popular demand, educational or literary merit, and/or cultural value. No materials shall be excluded from consideration because of race, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political or social view of the material, the author or the intended audience.

Individual items, which may be controversial or offensive to some patrons, may appropriately be selected if their inclusion will contribute to the range of viewpoints and effectiveness of the collection as a whole.

Member libraries of WDL acknowledge the right of individual library patrons to question materials in the collection. Due to the cooperative and shared nature of the collection, individual member libraries will not remove titles from the collection.

Anyone questioning materials in the collection should contact the Library Director of their member library. A library patron who still has questions regarding WDL may request their inquiry be passed on to a member of the WDL Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will review the material and make a final decision on the material.

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