

Identification of Library Materials Policy

The New Rochelle Public Library maintains a collection intended to suit the interests and meet the needs of its patrons. As of 2010, the collection includes, among other things, books, periodicals, photographs, maps, large print books, books on tape, video tapes, CDs and DVDs. In order to inform library patrons about the content of the collection, to assist patrons in their selection of materials, and to simplify the process of obtaining materials, the director and librarians have developed methods of categorizing, identifying, displaying and storing materials.

It is the policy of the New Rochelle Public Library to encourage the director, librarians, and all library personnel (1) to consider the practical needs of patrons in exploring and negotiating the considerable breadth of the collection, (2) to understand and to keep informed of best professional library practices, and (3) to incorporate patron needs into sound library practices when making practical decisions with respect to categorizing, identifying, displaying and storing material.

The New Rochelle Public Library purposely acquires and maintains fiction books and other materials by African American authors and Latino authors, among others. Inasmuch as patrons have expressed to library personnel and to the Board of Trustees a desire to have materials by these authors specifically visually identified (by a sticker on the spine of the book) in the past, inasmuch as the library has adopted this practice, and inasmuch as the practice has been met with overall approval of patrons, it is the policy of the New Rochelle Public Library to continue its present identification practice.

This policy has been adopted after due consideration of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, and with the intent to comply with the letter and spirit thereof.

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For comments of Policy Committee