

**CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
AUDIOVISUAL (AV) COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

The library:

- Strives to provide a balanced collection of popular AV materials in both fiction and nonfiction.
- Strives to provide a broad collection of high quality performances and accurate content to meet the needs and enjoyment of the intended audience.
- Evaluates AV materials as a whole and not on the basis of individual scenes or segments.
- Evaluates patron requests through reviews, knowledge or popularity of the AV materials.
- Evaluates the currency and timeliness of the material.
- Purchases multiple copies of popular titles when patron demand warrants and as budget allows.

All library purchases are subject to the Director's discretion.

II. CINEMA AND TELEVISION COLLECTION

This collection consists of fiction and nonfiction videos and DVDs in a wide variety of general subjects for all ages.

The library recognizes that many materials are controversial. Selections will not be made on the basis of any anticipated approval or disapproval, but solely on the merits of the work in relation to building collections and serving the interest of patrons.

1. All general nonfiction subjects made for cinema and television are purchasable.

2. All feature films are purchased using the following criteria:

- Films favorably reviewed by reputable, nationally recognized critics
- Films made for children and families
- Films that are literary adaptations
- Films of great cultural significance or considerable cult status
- Films included in the National Film Registry
- Films included or nominated for the American Film Institute's genre-based lists of best American movies
- All winners and nominees of the following awards and festivals:
 - *Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences*
 - *American Film Institute*
 - *Berlin Film Festival*
 - *British Academy of Film & Television Arts*
 - *Broadcast Film Critics Association*
 - *Cannes Film Festival*
 - *Directors Guild of America*
 - *Empire Awards*
 - *GLAAD Media Awards*
 - *Golden Globes*
 - *Independent Spirit Awards*
 - *Los Angeles Film Critics Circle*
 - *National Board of Review*
 - *National Society of Film Critics*
 - *NAACP Image Awards*
 - *New York Film Critics Circle*
 - *People's Choice Awards*
 - *Saturn Awards*
 - *Screen Actors Guild*
 - *Sundance Film Festival*
 - *Teen Choice Awards*
 - *Venice Film Festival*
 - *Writer's Guild of America*
 - *Young Artists Awards*

3. All television series are purchased using the following criteria:

- All applicable criteria cited for purchasing feature films
- Shows that have won or been nominated for Emmy Awards during any season of its production

III. MUSIC RECORDINGS

This collection consists of music recordings covering a wide variety of genres.

IV. BOOK RECORDINGS

This collection consists of spoken recordings of adult fiction and nonfiction, junior fiction, and children's fiction books. Book recordings are in unabridged and abridged formats. Some children's recordings may include an accompanying book. The fiction collection includes classics and popular fiction. The nonfiction collection covers a range of subject areas including bestsellers, instruction, self-improvement, language, etc.

V. COMPUTER SOFTWARE

The library maintains a circulating collection of educational, reference and entertainment computer software. The library uses the following selection criteria:

- Titles appropriate for general users
- Ease of use and installation
- Popularity of platform (Windows, etc.)
- Proper licensing for circulation

VI. NEW MEDIA

From time to time new forms of AV media are introduced into the market place. Often these new products enjoy only brief popularity before losing their market to other newer forms of AV media. Many of these newer forms of AV media require expensive playback equipment for use. New AV media forms are studied carefully to assess their suitability for public library use, and sufficient time is allowed to properly determine whether they will receive lasting and widespread public acceptance before collections of such new forms of media are added to the library.

When deciding whether to replace or augment existing formats with new media, the following factors are considered:

- Anticipated improvements in information storage and retrieval
- User demand
- Quality of the product
- Ease of use
- Equipment requirements
- Cost
- Processing requirements
- Maintenance
- Training

VII. DONATIONS

The library welcomes donations of AV materials that meet the library's selection criteria.

VIII. RETENTION/WEEDING

Informal weeding is a continuous process. The following criteria are considered when making the decision to retain, replace, or weed:

- Significance and relevance to current classification holdings
- Presence of multiple copies
- Availability of new works
- Titles in a series
- Circulation statistics
- Age and physical condition
- Timeliness of materials (constant attention needed for certain nonfiction subject areas such as medicine, law, etc.)
- Shelf space
- New technology