

Collection Development

The Dvoracek Memorial Library is a public institution funded by the City of Wilber to fill the informational needs of the community. Patrons of the library include residents of the City of Wilber, students of Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools, surrounding rural residents and neighboring communities. The library patrons come from diverse educational, cultural, and economic backgrounds, displaying a wide variety of interests, needs viewpoints and values. The library strives to develop a collection to meet the communities varying interests and needs.

The collection development at the Dvoracek Memorial Library lies with the Library Director as determined by the Library Board. The Director may delegate this responsibility to other staff members as needed. Care will be taken so that no one patron or group will unduly influence the selection or withdrawal of library materials.

The Dvoracek Memorial Library fully endorses the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Statement of the American Library Association, and upholds the right of the individual to secure these resources, even though content may be controversial, unorthodox, or unacceptable to some.

Selection of Materials

The Dvoracek Memorial Library will maintain a relevant collection by adding materials, either purchased or donated, throughout the year. The selection of the materials for the library collection will be based on the following criteria:

- Understanding of the community needs.
- Knowledge of authors and publishers – accuracy and responsibility of the authors
- Reviews found in professional and literary journals.
- Best seller lists.
- Meeting the needs of the public, which varies greatly in education, interests, tastes and reading skills.
- Patron requests are considered on an individual basis and are selected based on the potential use and interests of others.
- Item relevance to the rest of the collection.

Core Collection

- Items that meet or enhance the needs of the Czech Heritage collection. Items of local significance are added when possible and generally not discarded or circulated if deemed irreplaceable. The library maintains a special collection of

local history and genealogy materials. In addition, materials that focus on Nebraska authors, information about Nebraska, or titles featuring Nebraska in some way.

- Popular fiction and non-fiction titles for all ages represent a major part of the library’s collections. Various formats of titles will be added to the library’s collection as resources allow.
- The library maintains a DVD collection and audio book collection.
- Collections of specific items, (cake pans, games, puzzles), are added if public interest warrants and resources are available.
- The Libby e-book lending program is available to all patrons with current, unrestricted library cards.
- Interlibrary loan is available to all library card holders to provide patrons with access to materials beyond those available in the collection of the Dvoracek Memorial Library.
- The paperback and magazine give and take collection of donated materials will be maintained. Any individual is welcome to take out as many books and/or magazines as they want. No check-out or check-in is required and no library card required.

Removing Materials

The regular weeding of the collection is an important process for the library as part of collection development.

- The collection is systematically weeded to make room for new purchases and additions.
- Weeding criteria includes, but is not limited to, materials that are obsolete, inaccurate, outdated, little or no circulation, duplicates no longer needed, damaged or dirty condition, new editions.
- Weeded materials are made available to patrons in the book adoption area of the library or donated to other libraries or organizations.

