

GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE
Operational Policy

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Grays Harbor College has established the John Spellman Library to meet the learning, teaching, and research needs of GHC's students, faculty, and staff, and to enhance the cultural and intellectual environments of the Twin Harbors. The Library's collections and services shall be available, as allowed by contracts with resource providers, and by law, to residents of the Twin Harbors (with priority being given to students, faculty, and staff of Grays Harbor College), to students from other Washington community and technical colleges, and to other libraries.

Consistent with these responsibilities and this mission, Grays Harbor College recognizes that an effective Library resources collection must reflect diverse ideas and opinions, and that the presence of material in the Library collection is not an endorsement of the views and opinions expressed in the materials. To that end, the College and the Library support the principle of Intellectual Freedom as stated in the Library Bill of Rights [1996] of the American Library Association. In addition, materials will not be labeled as being subversive or dangerous; confidentiality of all individuals and institutions using library resources shall be assured; access to materials in the Library will not be restricted, nor shall filtering software be used to block access to constitutionally protected speech, unless required to protect them from theft or damage, to ensure equal access, or unless required by laws of the United States or Washington.

The president of Grays Harbor College shall designate to the Assistant Dean for Library and Media Services the responsibility of establishing procedures and criteria consistent with the above goals for both the selection and discard of all library materials, and for addressing objections to resources which are part of the collection.