

FY25 Collection Development Policy Christe LaVigna Certified Educational Media Specialist

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Purpose of Collection Development Policy

The Collection Development Policy is designed to support the Library's Mission statement and serves as a guide for the selection, acquisition, maintenance, and retention of materials by establishing roles, responsibilities, and a process for addressing Library user concerns. As our student population changes, the Media Center at Acreage Pines Elementary School, reassesses and adapts its collections to reflect new and differing areas of interest and concern. The collection development policy is annually evaluated and revised as necessary to provide guidance for implementing changes in the collection.

Background Statement & School Community

The patrons of Acreage Pines Elementary School Media Center are in Pre-K through grade 5. They represent diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds. Patrons also include the stakeholders, faculty and staff of Acreage Pines Elementary School. Acreage Pines Elementary SACC is also an involved community group comprised of school personnel, parents and grandparents of our students. The FY 23/24 school year's student enrollment is 546 students.

Other	10%
Black	11%
Hispanic	33%
ELL	7%
SWD	24%
White	45%
Free and reduced lunch	42%

In addition, Acreage Pines is a Biomedical and Veterinary Technology Choice program. Our students gain knowledge through career exploration in these fields. Each trimester, we focus on a different topic in the realms of Medicine, Veterinary, and Wellness. The media center's focus is to purchase and provide materials to support our choice program.

School Mission Statement

Acreage Pines Community Elementary is committed to providing students with a safe academic environment. Our Biomedical and Veterinary Technology Program challenges the students to reach their highest potential and succeed in a global community showcasing their citizenship, accountability, respect, and

exploration for all things. All media center materials collected will reflect this mission and help guide all staff, faculty and students.

Media Center Mission Statement

Acreage Pines Elementary library/media program will provide a comfortable learning experience to all patrons who visit. These materials in which the media center houses support the curriculum and meet the personal, informational and recreational needs and interests of students/staff. To achieve these purposes, the collection includes a wide range of subjects meeting the many levels of student abilities, and represents diverse points of view.

Responsibility for Collection Management & Development

As the media specialist for Acreage Pines Elementary, I am responsible for the acquiring of all materials in the library's collection. I work closely with staff, faulty, parents, and all stakeholders.

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Library Program

Acreage Pines Elementary's library/media center's program is developed through an extensive standard based planning guide by Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards. Classes have lessons in the media center on a rotating schedule. The students can use, look and check out a book and complete an activity that goes along with the book or topic we are covering in the media center. They make utilize the maker station area. It is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information they will need. The program equips users with diverse information resources and skills to assess, process, and apply information to problems and decisions, thereby helping them make sense of a rapidly changing world.

As stated in American Association of School Libraries (AASL ¹s) position statement, "In today's information age, an individual's success, even existence, depends largely on the ability to access, evaluate, and utilize information. Library media specialists has an overlapping role of information specialist, teacher, and instructional consultant." The library/media program should not, therefore, be viewed as a curriculum, but as a process that supports the curriculum both in person and virtually.

The library/media center's priorities are to:

- Serve as an extension of the classroom to ensure that information and skills are taught and learned within the context of the classroom curriculum.
- Offer a wide range of resources, technologies, and services to meet students' mastery of new knowledge and acquire skills in obtaining information needed.
- Facilitate the learning process by providing students and teachers with training needed to effectively use the resources.

Goals and Objectives

<u>Goal 1</u>: To provide a wide variety of nonfiction reading materials for all users.

- use the Titlewave collection analysis to select books.
- purchase up-to-date books that relate to the needs and interests of the student population in FY24.

<u>Goal 2:</u> Assist teachers in the development of the curriculum and instructional programs for students.

- meet with each grade level to see which standards need to be supported.
- plan lessons that support the identified standards and work with the teachers by viewing data to see if the standards have been met

<u>Goal 3</u>: To promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading for the students all ages and stages of development.

- Celebrate literacy week, International DOT Day, Read Across America, and World Read Aloud Day with all students.
- Partake in all the above-mentioned activities.

Budget and Funding

The media center is given a school-based operating budget at the beginning of every school year. The Acreage Elementary School administration uses a formula to disperse the appropriated funds. These funds are allotted to the following areas.

2024-2025 (FY25) projected budget amounts:

School-based Operating Budget	Budget FY24	FY25 Projected Budget
Account 551100 - Media Supplies	\$1097	\$1097
Account 553420 - Media Subscriptions (Periodicals-Newspapers)	\$121	\$121
Account 561100 - Library Books	\$803	\$803
Account 562230 - Media A/V Equipment	\$0	\$0
Account 564220 - Furn-Fix/Equip	\$0	\$0
Fundraising/ Grants	Budget Amount	
Media Center Internal Account number for your grant(s) (get this from your bookkeeper)	\$0	\$0
State Media Allocation	Budget Amount	
Account 556110 (program 3070) - Media Books	\$1138.47	\$1138.47

Purchasing Plan FY 25		
Purpose	Amount	
Nonfiction books	\$1250	
Fiction books	\$475	
Supplies	\$250	
STEM-brush bot materials	\$300	
Grade level project materials	\$300	
Total:	\$2,575	

Scope of the Collection

The collection development is influenced by the curriculum of Acreage Pines Elementary School, which follows the guidelines of the District of Palm Beach County, which in turn is governed by the Department of Educations of the State of Florida. The nonfiction text section is curated based around our choice program criteria which is Biomedical and Veterinary Technology. The media center also has a wide range of pleasure reading materials for all grade levels as per School Board Policy 8.12 (see Section 2 d). All books/materials are arranged in standard Dewey Decimal Order for our nonfiction. Easy/Everybody fiction and fiction are in Oder by author's last name per District policy. (See Section 5 Management of Library Media Instructional Materials). We also have a large number of on-line books for the students to access 24/7. These on-line resources, database and ebooks, are afforded to all patrons on their school portal which is provided by the district and/or myself through purchasing the materials.

Equipment

Our media center is equipped with four iPad. These iPads are used by the 4th and 5th graders for research or programming the Wonderworks robots that are also in the media center.

Collection Development

The media center's Collection Development plan is a detailed report that is evaluated and revised every year. It allows me acquire worthy materials and equipment for the library media center. The goal of collection development is to enable me to make sound decisions regarding the building, growing and maintaining the collection making sure it has informational books, materials and supplies in adequate quantity for the choice program curriculum. As the media specialist, I guide this process with the input of administration, teachers, students, parents, and stakeholders.

Selection and Evaluation Criteria

Materials, equipment, and supplies are purchased according to School Board approved policies and procedures from authorized vendors who are on bid contract with the School Board. Items may be purchased at any time during the year based on the availability of funds. The media specialist enlists input from teachers, students and stakeholders to

acquire the best materials both with an academic and/or personal interest level. Reviewing tools such as School Library Journal are consulted before selection the above mention materials. Use of Library Media Materials Allocation—School principals are responsible for ensuring that operating budget and state categorical funds are used to purchase library media materials that reinforce instruction and stimulate leisure reading for the students enrolled at the school. The choosing of these materials is designed and to effectively communicate to all stakeholders the manner in which materials are used to implement the curriculum of the school under Fla. Stat. 1006.40.

<u>School Board Policy 8.12</u> sets out the procedures for selecting and developing library collections. These procedures are followed District-wide.

District Resources and Services

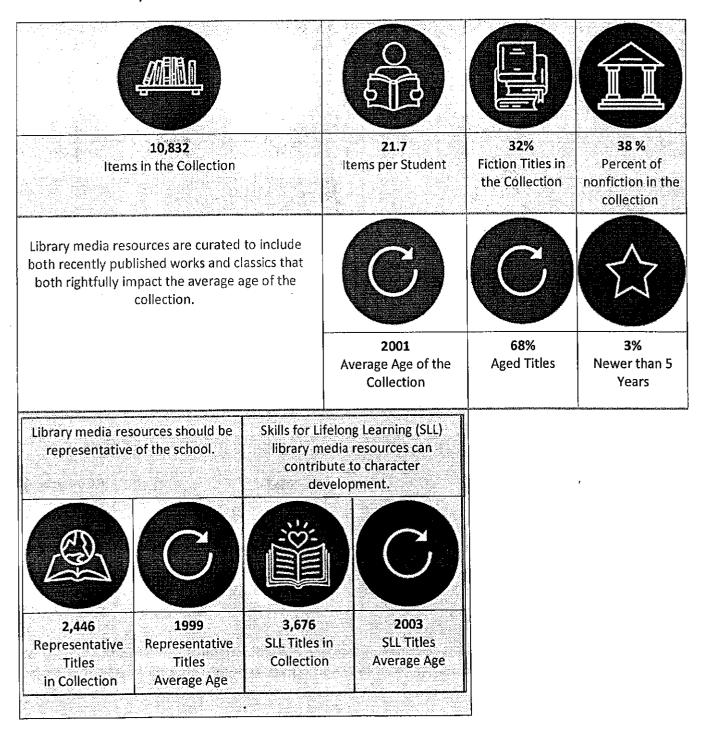
The School District Library Media Services provides support to school library media center personnel and establishes uniform policies and procedures for school library media centers throughout the district. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining a professional library collection to assist with recertification and knowledge acquisition on education-related topics;
- Managing the online catalog including the library inventory and circulation software;
- Selecting and making accessible online information databases for reference and research;
- Providing guidance and training to school library media staff in program planning, curriculum development, budget, technology, collection maintenance, facility use, and media production;
- Participating in inter-departmental curriculum development, facility planning, personnel staffing, and task forces at the administrative level;
- Managing technical services for acquiring and processing resources for schools;
- Distributing to schools and monitoring categorical and capital budgets allocated for library programs, and
- Fostering a global range of services that facilitate the transformation of school-based library activities to meet the changing needs of an information society.

The School District Library Media Services works in collaboration with other District departments including the Department of Educational Technology to provide selected electronic information, the technology to access it, and the training needed to search and find specific facts efficiently and effectively.

Collection Analysis

The collection is developed for and influenced by students, their interests, academic needs, and alignment with the curriculum. The data below is a snapshot of the collection based on a Titlewise Analysis.



Section	# of Titles	Average Age (year)
Computer Science, Information & General Works	47	1996
Philosophy & Psychology	56	1995
Religion	32	1986
Social Sciences	954	1992
Language	51	2003
Science	1,122	2004
Technology	586	2006
Arts & Recreation	675	2010
Literature	75	1997
History & Geography	554	1998
Biography	424	2002
Easy	2,761	1995
General Fiction	3,494	2004
Graphic Novels	317	2019

Gifts and Donations

Any books gifted or donated to the school must meet the same selection criteria as all other materials. No materials will be added to the collection if they are out-of-date or age-inappropriate material simply because they were donated. All gifts and donations must follow the same processes as new book orders.

Collection Maintenance

Per Florida Statute governing Instructional Materials, instructional material stored in the Library Media Center must be Inventory. Inventory will be completed for each category on a three-year rotation as per

Board Policy 8.12 (5). Acreage Pines Elementary School typically inventories part approximately 1/3 of its collection each year on this rotational schedule.

The inventory schedule:

• 2021-Fiction, 2022-Nonfiction/biographies, 2023-Easy Fiction, 2024-Nonfiction

School Year	Strategic Focus
FY25	Selection Priorities
	 Update nonfiction (most funds spent)
	Provide grade level appropriate materials for all students.
	Inventory/ Weeding Priorities
	*Weed nonfiction *always being aware and checking for outdated materials that need to be weeded *Inventory Nonfiction *Mend salvable books
FY26	Selection Priorities
	Add on to Fiction-series books for 3-5
	Provide grade level appropriate materials for all students.
	Inventory/ Weeding Priorities
	*Weed nonfiction*always being aware and checking for
	outdated materials that need to be weeded
	Inventory Fiction
	*Mend salvable books
FY27	Selection Priorities
	Add to easy fiction books K-2 (most funds spent)
	Provide grade level appropriate materials for all students.
	Inventory/ Weeding Priorities
	*Weed nonfiction*always being aware and checking for
	outdated materials that need to be weeded
	*Inventory Easy Fiction
	*Mend salvable books

Lost or Damaged books

We are not enforcing that policy stated below in which the students pay or be fined for lost or damaged books. We understand that accidents happened and make sure they are very careful with the materials they check out. IE...

<u>School Board Policy 2.21B(9)</u> which states: "If a student loses or damages District property, including library books and textbooks loaned to said student, said student shall be required to pay for, replace or repair said district property"

Strategic Focus — Weeding and Acquisitions

Weeding of materials and resources is essential for the maintenance of a healthy reading, research and reference library media collection. Weeding is a form of quality control of the collection in which outdated, inaccurate and worn-out materials and equipment are discarded from the electronic catalog and physically removed from the collection.

Reconsideration of Materials

The media specialist is responsible for the expansion and reduction of the school's library collection. A detailed collection development plan outlines the scope of the collection and how it is maintained from year to year. In accordance with house bill 1467, I have taken many steps to diligently vet all materials students have access to.

Adhering to the following is a must:

- i. "Require that book selections meet the criteria in s. 1006A0(3) (d)."
- ii. "Require consultation of reputable, professionally recognized reviewing periodicals, if available after a documented diligent search, and school community stakeholders.
- iii. "Provide for library media center collections based on reader interest, support of state academic standards and aligned curriculum, and the academic needs of students and faculty."
- iv. "Provide for the regular removal or discontinuance of books based on, at a minimum, physical condition, rate of recent circulation, alignment to state academic standards and relevancy to curriculum, and out-of-date content."

In addition to regular review, removal, or discontinuance by a school library media specialist, the Superintendent or designee, even without an Objection or challenge, has the authority to remove library media materials or materials on reading lists based on statutory considerations. The policy and the Specific Material Objection form are linked in your appendix.

Annual Evaluation and Revision of CDP

This collection development plan will be reviewed each school year.

Appendices

A: Library Bill of Rights

"Library Bill of Rights", American Library Association, June 30, 2006.

Link (Accessed March 20, 2024)

Document ID: 669fd6a3-8939-3e54-7577-996a0a3f8952

B: Intellectual Freedom Statement

"The Freedom to Read Statement", American Library Association, July 26, 2006.

Link (Accessed March 20, 2024)

Document ID: aaac95d4-2988-0024-6573-10a5ce6b21b2

C: Policy 8.12 - Selection of Library Media Center Materials, Classroom Library Materials, and Reading List Materials

School Board of Palm Beach County (November 14, 2023). Selection of Library Media Center Materials and Reading List Materials.

Link (Accessed March 20, 2024)

D: Policy 8.1205 - Objection Procedures for Specific Library Media Center, Classroom Library, Reading List, Supplemental or Instructional Materials That Have Not Gone Through the Board Adoption Process School Board of Palm Beach County (November 14, 2023). Objection Procedures for Specific Library Media Center, Classroom Library, Reading List, Supplemental or Instructional Materials That Have Not Gone Through the Board Adoption Process.

Link (Accessed March 20, 2024)

E: Specific Material Objection Form

School Board of Palm Beach County (November 14, 2023). Specific Material Objection Form. Link (Accessed March 20, 2024)