

# Texas Woman's University

## Library Policy Manual

<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Library Bill of Rights (American Library Association)</b>
<b>Last Library Review:</b>	<b>July 2020</b>
<b>Next Library Review:</b>	<b>July 2021</b>

**Purpose:** To acknowledge the American Library Association's statement that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

### **Policy:**

- Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.
- All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

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<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill>

### **Library Guidelines**

Texas Woman's University Libraries will be guided by the *Library Bill of Rights* from the American Library Association.

### **Review:**

The Library's Policy Work Group will review this policy with recommendations forwarded through normal administrative channels to the Dean of Libraries.

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