Duchesne County Library System Collection Development, Event, & Exhibit Policy

Demographics

Duchesne County Library System endeavors to serve a county population of approximately 20,000 residents as of 2017. The county has an area of 3,256 sq. mi. Approximately 34.4% of the population is under 18 years of age (6,900 youth) and 11.7% is over 65 years of age (2,300 adults). 85.2% identifies as white (17,000), 8.3% as Hispanic or Latino (1,650), 4.5% as American Indian or Alaskan native (900), and 2% as other races (400). 87.4% graduated high school and 14.5% completed a bachelor's degree or higher. 13.3% live in poverty (2,700) and the median income is $63,000.[1] Unemployment is at 8.2%. The principle industries are mining, government, transportation and agriculture.[2]

Roosevelt Branch also serves some residents of western Uintah County due to proximity in comparison with the distance to Uintah County Library. Duchesne Branch facilitates weekly pop-up libraries in Tabiona and Altamont. The Duchesne County Library System is in a consortium with Uintah County Library and shares resources and the library catalog with them. Interlibrary Loans and Utah Online Library resources through Utah State Library are also available. Duchesne County Library System acquires eBooks and eAudiobooks for inclusion in the Utah Online Library Overdrive collection exclusively for Duchesne County Library System card holders.

Duchesne Branch also houses the Duchesne County History Center. The History Center curates and preserves items of local historical value including photos, cemetery records, newspapers, local group scrapbooks, locally published works, and more. These items are available for patron use in the history center only. Projects are underway to digitize these items.

Purpose of the Collection, Events, Exhibits, Etc.

The physical and digital collection, events, exhibits, etc. of the branches of the Duchesne County Library System (hereafter known as "the library") are developed and maintained under the purpose of providing equitable access to information and to provide opportunities for recreation and growth to all patrons of the library. This includes providing varying viewpoints and formats. The library neither approves nor disapproves of views expressed in materials included in the collection or in displays. The library also does not endorse nor advocate the viewpoints expressed in meetings or by meeting room users. The collection, events, and exhibits are mostly of a popular nature with particular emphasis on children's and juvenile literature, popular fiction, and independent learning resources. Despite its popular emphasis the library seeks to provide positively reviewed or recommended non-fiction resources as well.

1 "Quick facts: Duchesne County, UT." Found on https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/duchesnecountyutah/PST045216 on Dec. 19, 2018

2 "Duchesne County, UT. County Economies 2016." Found on explorer.naco.org on Dec. 19, 2018.

Collections in the library are organized according to publisher-assigned categories such as Young Adult or Fiction. These categories indicate the marketed audience. They are not a rating of content which varies widely. The library respects each patron's freedom to choose what they read and does not endorse any particular content. The library also respects each parent/guardian's role in guiding content choices for their family. The library cannot judge values or categorize content for the community as a whole.

Selection Responsibility, Criteria, & Process

Duchesne County has delegated the responsibility for selection and evaluation of library resources, events, and exhibits to the Duchesne County Library System Board of Trustees and the library staff. The library selects materials through a variety of factors including:

- Anticipated demand
- Merit of the works as a whole
- Evaluations of review media
- Current library system holdings and budget

The library will consider requests from library patrons and staff. Items of an illegal nature will not be included in the collection.

Following the aforementioned criteria, library staff members submit suggestions and accepted patron requests for purchasing to the Branch Managers. Branch Managers then compile orders that are submitted to the Library Director for approval. Multiple copies and formats of an item may be purchased if merited by patron demand. Physical items that are older publications, out-of-print, or of a high cost are considered for an Interlibrary Loan. Events, exhibits, etc., are suggested, evaluated and selected through the same process.

Deselection

The library collection operates on limited physical space and budget facilitating a continual need to deselect resources from the collection. Factors contributing to the deselection of a resource include:

- Currency of information
- Physical condition of the resource
- Lack of resource use by the community

Physical items in poor condition that are still in demand will be replaced. Items of lasting literary value—sometimes referred to as "classics" or other award winners—will be considered for retention despite its age. The library will seek to sell or repurpose deselected physical resources.

Donations

The library and History Center appreciate the community's interest in contributing to the library. The library and History Center reserve the right to accept and use donations without restrictions on current or future use, and reserve the right to dispose of items according to the deselection policy. Items in poor condition (molded, soiled, falling apart) will not be accepted. The library and History Center do not appraise the value of items.

Reconsideration of Resources, Events, Exhibits, Etc.

As a democratic institution serving a diverse population the library seeks to respect all patrons' right to intellectual freedom and access to information. The library recognizes that some resources in the collection, events, exhibits, etc., may be of a controversial nature. Any patron that wishes to express concern about a resource, event, exhibit, etc., must complete the *Request for Reconsideration* form and give it to the Library Director for consideration. The Library Director will make a written decision seeking out published reviews of the resource, exhibit, etc., while considering the mission and values of the library. If the patron is unsatisfied with the Library Director's decision, the patron may request the matter to be placed on the next regular agenda of the Duchesne County Library System Board of Trustees. The written decision of the Library Board of Trustees will be final. A resource, exhibit, event, etc., will not be removed, ended, or taken down until a decision is made.

Policy Review

This policy shall be reviewed at least once every three years by the Duchesne County Library System Board of Trustees.

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