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 2021. The county has an area of 3,256 sq. mi. Approximately 33.4% of the population is under 18 years of age (6,600 youth) and 12.4% is over 65 years of age (2,450 adults). 90.9% identifies as white (18,000), 8.3% as Hispanic or Latino (1,650), 4.9% as American Indian or Alaskan native (1,000), and 2.8% as other races (550). 89.2% graduated high school and 13.7% completed a bachelor's degree or higher. 10.6% live in poverty (2,100) and the median income is $61,655.[1] Unemployment during 2020 was 7.7%.[2] The principle industries in 2019 were mining, government, and real estate/rentals.[3]

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 physical 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 provides digital collections exclusively for Duchesne County residents by acquiring eBooks and eAudiobooks for inclusion in the Beehive Library Consortium Overdrive/*Libby* collection and by providing access to *hoopla* eBook and eAudiobook collections.

Duchesne Branch also houses the Duchesne County History Center. The History Center curates and preserves items of local historical value including photos, historical 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.

1 "Quick facts: Duchesne County, UT." Found on https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/duchesnecountyutah/PST045221 on Mar. 29, 2022.
2 "Duchesne County, UT." Found on https://ce.naco.org/?county_info=49013 on Apr. 6, 2022.
3 "Duchesne County, UT. Economic Output 2019." Found on https://ce.naco.org/?dset=Gross%20Domestic%20Product%20(GDP)&ind=Gross%20Domestic%20Product%20Profiles on Apr. 2, 2022.

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.

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 work as a whole
- Reviews from widely-recognized sources
- Current library system holdings and budget

The library will consider requests from patrons whose accounts are in good standing and library 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 formats of an item may be purchased if merited by patron demand. Requests for physical items whose publication date is more than 10 years past, are 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 and remove 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 if available and affordable. 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. Both 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 (moisture-damaged, soiled, falling apart) or containing outdated information will not be accepted. Items pertinent to the history of Duchesne County may be donated to the History Center. 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 resident of Duchesne County that wishes to express concern about a resource, event, exhibit, etc. of the Duchesne and Roosevelt branches 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 resident is unsatisfied with the Library Director's decision, they may request that the matter 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. The Library Director must also report all formal requests for reconsideration to the American Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee at http://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport/report.

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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