

**JOHN A STAHL LIBRARY**  
**INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM POLICY**

The John A Stahl Library Board adopts and declares that the American Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Statements will guide the development of the Library's collections. Specifically, the Library will adhere to and support the:

The Freedom to read Statement

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/freedomreadstatement>

The John A Stahl Library Board promotes free, open and unrestricted access to library materials regardless of age, race, sex, religion or ideas.

The John A Stahl Library staff will not censor any material in its collection. No markings will be placed on materials to show any potential controversial contents. No items will be removed or not selected based on content alone.

The Library will not limit its collection to books suitable only for children or adolescents and will also consider its adult audience. The Library Board believes that parents and legal guardians have the right and responsibility to determine what, if any, print or non-print material is inappropriate for their children.

The Library Board and staff recognizes privacy and confidentiality as essential components of intellectual freedom.

The Library has a policy for reconsideration of materials that is available upon request.

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