

PLS EBOOK COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT

PLS (Peninsula Library System) acknowledges that its member libraries have individual collection development policies. This statement is not intended to reflect or replace those individual local policies but rather is designed to serve the cooperative nature of the shared eBook collection. The PLS Consortium eBook collection reflects the diversity of its contributing communities, and strives to support an informed public. As such, the collection represents diverse points of view and may include materials that some members of the public consider to be controversial in nature. PLS provides free and equitable access to the shared eBook collection to all users. PLS neither approves nor disapproves of the views expressed in materials included in the collection. The inclusion of an item is not to be considered an endorsement, official or otherwise, by PLS.

Material Selection

Material selection is intended to respond to the recreational and lifelong learning needs of our library community. This electronic collection is meant to supplement the physical collection of each of the libraries, not to replace it.

The PLS eBook collection primarily emphasizes:

- **Popular Materials:** Popular fiction and non-fiction in all formats and for all ages.
- **Lifelong Learning:** Provides a collection of enriching, accurate, and timely non-fiction across a variety of subject matter in all formats and for all ages.

General Criteria

To ensure a balanced collection, the following criteria are used by all selectors. Materials are selected according to one or more of the following criteria; an item need not meet all of these criteria in order to be added to the collection.

- Popular interest or demand
- Requests by the public
- Accuracy and timeliness of content
- Author's, artist's or publisher's qualifications and/or reputation
- Budget constraints and material availability
- Contribution of a work to the diversity of the collection Receipt of, or nomination for, major awards or prizes
- Relation to existing collection and other material on the subject

De-selection Criteria

The collection is regularly evaluated to ensure that the materials remain current and continue to reflect the interests and needs of the users. Maintenance is critical to keeping the collections current, attractive, responsive, diverse, and useful to the needs of the community. The collection is reviewed in light of the General Criteria and standards of professional librarianship on an ongoing basis for the purpose of deselection. Publisher constraints on type (and length) of ownership (or leasing) of titles/copies affects what titles may remain in the collection.

Patron Requests

All patron requests (title/author/subject) will be considered following individual library procedures. Requests can be made via the patron's local library and may be forwarded to the eBook working group for consideration. Requests are subject to the same selection criteria as other materials and are not automatically added to the collection; PLS is under no obligation to fill any particular request.

Patron Donations

Patrons who are so inclined may wish to donate to the PLS eBook collection. Financial donations should be discussed with the patron's home library, which will make a decision to accept or reject financial donations according to its policy. PLS does not accept non-financial eBook donations because their use is governed by contract rather than copyright laws.

Patron Requests for Reconsideration

Patrons questioning materials in the PLS eBook collection are encouraged to review the *Peninsula Library System eBook Collection Request for Reconsideration of Materials* document and form, which outlines the reconsideration process.