

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

REFERENCE: Canadian Library Association
Canadian Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms

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POLICY:

The Galiano Library Society Board of Directors endorses the Canadian Library Association's, Position Statement on Intellectual Freedom.

- *Every person in Canada has the fundamental right to have access to all expressions of knowledge, creativity and intellectual activity...*
- *It is the responsibility of libraries to ... facilitate access to all expressions of knowledge and intellectual freedom...*
- *Libraries must... (make) available all of... (their) facilities and services to all individuals and groups who need them.*
- *Libraries must resist all efforts to limit the exercise of these responsibilities (and rights) while recognizing the right of criticism by individuals and groups*

PROCEDURE:

1. Intellectual Freedom

- a. The Library will not label material to show approval or disapproval of content.
- b. Patrons of all ages have access to all of the Library's collections. However, parents or legal guardians are responsible for what children read or look at in the library.
- c. The Library recognizes the right of patrons to object to Library material. In this case, the patron may wish to complete a complaint form which is available at the front desk. The complaint will be brought before the Board for consideration.

Approved (Signature) Board Chair

Date: _____