



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 4.4

DATE: April 24, 2025
TO: Chairperson and Members of the Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Anwan Baker, Library Director
SUBJECT: Review of revised Livermore Public Library Collection Development Policy

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Library Board of Trustees review the updated policy and provide feedback.

SUMMARY

It is standard practice for libraries to have a written policy to guide the selection and deselection of materials made available to the public. The Livermore Public Library has had the existing Materials Policy in place since 2015. In the past year, the California Assembly passed AB 1825, the California Freedom to Read Act, which requires public libraries receiving funding from the State to put into place a Collection Development policy with certain language that ultimately protects public libraries from censorship.

DISCUSSION

A draft of the newly modified policy has been attached for the Library Board of Trustees review and feedback. This draft alters the existing Materials Policy and renames it to a Collection Development Policy to bring it in line with the new state law, in addition to the other changes. Additionally, procedural wording has been added to the policy to inform those who initiate a challenge to materials what they can expect, and the limits of said challenges.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Draft Updated Collection Development Policy](#)
2. [Draft Updated Collection Development Policy - Redlined](#)
3. [California Freedom to Read Act Process and Checklist](#)

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