

7.1.2 Children's Rights in The Public Library

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1. Policy

That the Fort Erie Public Library Board adopt the Ontario Library Association's Children's Rights in the Public Library statement, and further that

The Fort Erie Public Library Board also adopt the OLA Statement on the Intellectual Rights of the Individual and the Canadian Library Association's Statement of Intellectual Freedom.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Adopted at the Ontario Library Association
General Meeting, November, 1998

Children in Public Libraries have the right to:

- 1.02.1 Intellectual freedom.
- 1.02.2 Equal access to the full range of services and materials available to other users.
- 1.02.3 A full range of materials, services and programs specifically designed and developed to meet their needs.
- 1.02.4 Adequate funding for collections and services related to population, use and local community needs.
- 1.02.5 A library environment that complements their physical and developmental stages.
- 1.02.6 Trained and knowledgeable staff specializing in children's services.
- 1.02.7 Welcoming, respectful, supportive service from birth through the transition to adult user.
- 1.02.8 An advocate who will speak on their behalf to the library administration, library board, municipal council and community to make people aware of the goals of children's services.
- 1.02.9 Library policies written to include the needs of the child.

References & Related Statements of Policy

OLA Children's Rights In The Public Library.
Statement on Intellectual Rights Policy on Material Selection.