

Printed materials, such as books, pamphlets, and periodicals are selected for the collection according to the selection criteria described on Policy # 202. Maintaining an up-to-date reference collection, including business information, is an important priority.

AREAS OF LIMITED ACQUISITION

Selection of materials in certain areas is limited to very general or basic works, which are not too specialized or considered beyond the province of public library service.

These areas include:

1. TEXTBOOKS.
The Harvey Public Library District provides materials supplemental to, or correlative with, various courses of instruction. Students are part of the library's clientele. However, the library does not attempt to supply materials required for course work of elementary or secondary schools or of institutions of higher learning.
2. GENEALOGY
The Harvey Public Library District purchases general guides to help the people trace their ancestry, but does not attempt to acquire specialized genealogy sources.
3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE
Foreign language dictionaries and foreign language materials will be acquired, if there is a high incidence of people speaking a foreign language that belong to the Harvey Public Library District. Materials will be purchased that are written or spoken in that particular language.
4. LAW AND MEDICINE
Legal and Medical works are acquired only to the extent that they useful to the general layperson.

AREAS OF SPECIAL ACQUISITION

1. LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION ON HARVEY AND ITS ENVIRONS.
In order to provide a depository of otherwise unobtainable material
2. BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE IN AMERICA.
To assist this minority population
3. HISPANIC HISTORY AND CULTURE IN AMERICA.
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