



Video Collection Development Policy

The Orange County Library acquires and makes available DVDs and Blu-Rays to serve the general educational, information and recreational needs of the community. Much as our selection of print materials attempts to provide support for our roles as: developer of early literacy skills, facilitator of lifelong learning and encourager of exploration and imagination, our video collection will do the same.

We provide family films, documentaries, and educational programs but also provide popular materials for entertainment and recreation. The collection will not include materials that strive to appeal strictly by erotic or sensational means. Many popular videos purchased for entertainment purposes will have a PG-13/TV-14 or lower rating. R rated movies are purchased or accepted as donations if they have worthwhile content or qualities according to reviews (both consumer and critical) and awards juries and are likely to appeal to our community.

Non-rated television is purchased based on a balance of demand and reviews. As most of it is not eligible to be rated because it originates in other countries or from cable, the lack of rating is not necessarily a negative factor. Examples of awards used to explore selection are Golden Globes, Academy Awards, Emmy Awards, BAFTA Awards, Sundance Film Festival prizes, Cannes Film Festival prizes, etc.

The regular materials selection policy also applies to DVDs and Blu-Rays as does the general policy on donations.

Streaming video where titles are individually chosen will also be selected according to this policy. Streaming video which is provided as part of a bulk subscription is acquired without staff curation and may contain materials not in compliance with this policy. Should such content generate a “Request for Reconsideration of Materials” complaint, staff will endeavor to hide or remove the item pending review. Long term action to block an item may be an outcome of the reconsideration process.

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