

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. 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. Non-rated television and films are 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.

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