

The Wisconsin Schools Digital Library Consortium (WSDLC) is a shared collection of audio, ebooks and digital magazines funded by participating schools, school districts, and individuals (home-school families). Students of participating members in the WSDLC are allowed access to its collection through SORA, an application provided by the vendor OverDrive.

Since the purpose of the WSDLC is to support a shared digital library collection for Wisconsin K-12 students, it uses the collection guidelines stated in <u>Wisconsin Administrative Code PI8.01(2)(h)3</u> for library media services, which is to "...make available to all pupils a current, balanced collection...which depicts in an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society." In addition, the collection is curated by licensed library media specialists.

In order to take into consideration the developmental levels of students served, the collection is divided into three sub-collections:

- One serving elementary students, grades preK-5.
- One serving middle school students, grades 6-8.
- One serving high school students, grades 9-12.

Access to the collections is limited by content access levels that are put in place when members join the WSDLC.

Collection development decisions, including selection and removal of materials, are based on criteria provided in the <u>WSDLC Collection Development Policy</u>. Works are selected by the Selection Advisory Committee to meet expressed and anticipated needs of the statewide educational community. The collection is reviewed annually to determine areas of need, as well as what items may need to be removed.

It is important to note the WSDLC is a shared collection and titles are not permitted to be added or removed by individual members.

The WSDLC recognizes that some materials may cause discomfort to a student or their family. The Consortium also maintains that while students and their families can make choices about materials for themselves, these choices cannot be made for others. Providing a diverse, unbiased collection demonstrates the WSDLC's commitment to Intellectual Freedom and is not an endorsement for any particular point of view expressed in an individual item.

Individuals wanting to communicate their concerns about specific materials in the WSDLC must complete the WSDLC reconsideration form in its entirety. Requests will be directed by the Consortium Project Managers to the Selection Advisory Committee for review and discussion. A recommendation for action will be made by the Selection Advisory Committee and brought to the WSDLC Board at the next Board Meeting for the final decision.

You can view details on Governance on the WSDLC, which includes dates of upcoming WSDLC Board meetings, the Collection Policy, and the Board Operational Guidelines <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.

Questions should be directed to wsdlc-info@wils.org