

**Rosemary Garfoot Public Library**  
**Materials Selection and Availability Policy**

Purpose of the Library

The Rosemary Garfoot Public Library exists to serve Cross Plains residents of all ages and proficiency. To that end, the library through its governing Board of Trustees and its staff, will continually study the evolving town - its assortment of needs, interests and concerns - and will keep in-step with the changing community.

The Library acknowledges that Cross Plains is also part of many larger communities. Thus the library should reflect the variety of concerns in the county, the state, the nation and the world, and should endeavor to maintain knowledge of changes in these larger communities, particularly as these changes affect Cross Plains.

Because of the existence of the public library, no person is confined to his or her own lifetime of experiences. Any person may independently choose to expand his or her knowledge of the universe, now and past, so he or she can better meet the future. The library is the University of the People, the public institution committed to encouraging the self-education of each person to the limit of his or her ability and interest.

This public library recognizes the value of reading as a necessary skill for each person to master. Consequently, the library strives to foster increased reading among all ages and abilities, for whatever reason an individual may choose in selecting a book to borrow.

The library recognizes that it has a major role in the development of a well-informed electorate, which is essential to a vital democracy. The library also values a free and inquiring society, and for that reason, reaffirms its support of the Library Bill of Rights. The library adopts both the Freedom to Read statement and Policy of the Confidentiality of Library Records. (These three statements are attached to the library collection development policy.)

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