KAUAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Library Materials Selection

1. Purpose

Provide guidelines for those who participate in the selection of materials for the Library.

2. Policy

The selection of materials for the Library is based on the following principles expressed in the American Library Association School Library Bill of Rights:

A. Provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum; including varied interests, abilities, and needs of students.

B. Provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literacy appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.

C. Provide a background of information which will enable students and other users to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.

D. Provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that students and others may develop the practice of critical thinking.

E. Provide materials representative of religious, ethnic, and cultural groups.

3. Procedures

A. Faculty and students are encouraged to request materials; however, final selection of materials rests with the library professional staff.

B. In order to review new publications in their field of expertise, participating faculty members will regularly receive a curated list of new publications provided by the library personnel.

C. The library personnel will review faculty member selections, as well as other materials (publishers’ catalogs, etc.), and then consider the following before making a final selection:

   i. Philosophy, objectives, and curriculum of the college.

   ii. Authentic and factual accuracy of nonfiction materials.
iii. Literary merit, artistic quality, and distinctive style in works of the imagination.

iv. Authority (authorship and origin), scope (purpose, coverage, and currency), treatment (objectivity), arrangement (organization of contents including indexing), format (physical make-up), and special features (illustrations, bibliography, glossary, etc.).