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I. Purpose

II. Introduction

GENERAL STATEMENT

The mission of the Jackson County Library District is to connect everyone to information, ideas and each other. The Jackson County Library Services Collection Development Policy supports the strategic direction, goals and objectives of the Library as expressed in the Jackson County Library Services Strategic Plan 2016 -2021. Jackson County Library Services is the third largest public library jurisdiction by population in Oregon, serving a population of over 200,000 through fifteen branch libraries located throughout the county. The collection consists of printed materials, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, databases, and digital materials.

SCOPE

The library selects materials in a variety of formats and languages to best serve the needs of the community. Selections are made by library staff to provide a balanced collection of educational, recreational, and cultural materials appealing to the interests of our diverse population. Materials will be provided in convenient and cost-effective formats. The collection will emphasize current, popular materials and stimulating children’s interest in and appreciation for reading, while maintaining a core collection of classic works and local history. The greatest value is received by focusing on the most popular and wide- spread formats and by not duplicating the comprehensive collection efforts of college and research institutions. Material selection is based on awareness of community interests and concerns, national and international issues and events, publishing trends, new insights, societal trends, and the professional judgment of selectors regarding the material’s value to the Library’s collection. It is the Library’s intention that the collection addresses the needs and interests of its communities and reflects the diversity of the entire library service area.

The library will strive to meet or exceed the “Enhanced” designation as set forth in Section C: Materials, of the Standards for Oregon Public Libraries.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

The Library will uphold the freedom to read as expressed in the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read Statement and the Freedom to View Statement adopted by the American Library Association