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**Township of Uxbridge Public Library**  
**POLICY STATEMENTS**

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**POLICY NO.: M-3 CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIFIC LIBRARY ITEM**

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**OBJECTIVE:** To state the policy and procedure for responding to requests for consideration of a specific library item.

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** October 21, 2004

**MOTION:** 04-63

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1. STATEMENT

The Township of Uxbridge Public Library fully endorses the Canadian Library Association's Statement on Intellectual Freedom. Freedom of expression encompasses freedom of speech and access to information regardless of format or technology.

*Every person in Canada has the fundamental right, as embodied in the Nation's Bill of Rights, to have access to all expressions of knowledge, creativity and intellectual activity, and to express his/her thoughts publicly. This right to intellectual freedom is essential to the health and development of Canadian society.*

*Libraries have a basic responsibility for the development and maintenance of intellectual freedom.*

*It is the responsibility of librarians to guarantee and facilitate access to all expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity including those which some elements of society may consider to be unconventional, unpopular or unacceptable. To this end, libraries shall acquire and make available the widest variety of materials.*

*It is the responsibility of libraries to guarantee the right of free expression by making available all the library's public facilities and services to all individuals and groups who need them.*

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*Libraries should resist all efforts to limit the exercise of those responsibilities while recognizing the right of criticism by individuals and groups.*

*Both employees and employers in libraries have a duty, in addition to their institutional responsibilities, to uphold these principles.*

**II. PROCEDURE**

Every attempt will be made to respond to public suggestions for purchase of books or other materials, in accordance with M2 - Collection Development Policy.