

Collection Briefing

Library Board

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**SAINT PAUL
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

agenda

Collection policy



Central Library



- Integrate Highland fiction
- Reduce shelf size
- Planned upgrades

Arlington Hills
Highland Park
Sun Ray



Collection Policy

Need for revision: public, staff

Key Points

- General principles
- Needs of patrons, community
- Sound stewards
- Role of Central Library



General Principles

Breadth over depth

Unabridged over abridged

General material over specialized,
scholarly, professional

Not an archive

Evaluate, implement new formats



Needs of Patrons & Community



Circulation and use data

Patron-driven acquisitions

Diverse resource for Saint Paul's world community

Consultation with staff



Sound Stewards



Transparent selection criteria

Withdrawal of material

- Detailed guidelines
- Mustie: misleading, ugly, superseded, trivial, irrelevant, found elsewhere

Disposition

- Three options evaluated
- Network for Better Futures



Role of Central Library

A

Expanded collection

- Selection
- Removal

B

Resource and referral for the system

C

Special collections

Special Collections



Rondo

Hayden Heights

Central

Government documents

Miller sheet music

Fitzgerald; Saint Paul local history

Severson collection

Foundation collection



Other Central Library Initiatives

A Integrate fiction from Highland Library

B Reduce shelf height in Nonfiction Room

C Future capital upgrades



Opening Day Collections



Arlington Hills

- 75% of budget spent by opening
 - 25% spent after opening for fill-in, additional copies
 - No non-AR holds until August
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Highland Park and Sun Ray

- 80% in place at opening
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More budget for juvenile material

