

Freedom to View

As incorporated by the American Library Association

The Red Bud Public Library adheres to the Freedom to View statement put in place by the American Library Association.

The Freedom to View, along with the Freedom to Speak, to Hear, and to Read, is protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. In a free society, there is no place of censorship in any medium of expression. Therefore, these principles are affirmed:

- I. To provide the broadest possible access to film, video, and other audiovisual materials because they are a means for the communication of ideas. Liberty of circulation is essential to insure the constitutional guarantee of freedom of expression.
- II. To protect the confidentiality of all individuals and institutions using film, video, and other audiovisual materials.
- III. To provide film, video, and other audiovisual materials which represent a diversity of views and expression. Selection of a work does not constitute or imply agreement with or approval of consent.
- IV. To provide a diversity of viewpoints without the constraint of labeling or prejudging film, video, and other audiovisual materials on the basis of moral, religious, or political beliefs of the producer, filmmaker, or the controversial content.
- V. To contest vigorously, by all lawful means, every encroachment upon the public's freedom to view.

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