

Article 11: Selection Policy / COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The purposes of the Keystone Town Library are to collect and make available educational, inspirational, factual, and recreational books and other media and to stimulate interest in using them to meet the needs of the residents of all ages of the town of Keystone and surrounding area for a better-read, better-informed public. The Keystone Town Library does not check out obscene materials to individuals under the age of 18 without parental permission.

* Also, in compliance with South Dakota Law, the library does not collect materials that violate Section 22-24-27 (11).

* The definition of Obscene Material is defined in South Dakota Codified Law 22-24-27 (11). For something to be obscene it must meet three requirements.

One, the “dominant theme of which, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest. The definition of prurient is in 22-24-27 (12). Prurient interests are a “shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion, which goes substantially beyond customary limits of candor in description or representation of such matters. If it appears from the character of the material or the circumstances of its dissemination that the subject matter is designed for a specially susceptible audience or clearly defined deviant sexual group, the appeal of the subject matter shall be judged with reference to such audience or group. So, the first requirement is that the whole work appeals to prurient interests as above.

Two, the work is “patently offensive because it affronts contemporary community standards relating to the description or representation of sadomasochistic abuse or sexual conduct.”

Three, the work lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.”

Again, materials must meet all three of these criteria to be considered obscene.

* In compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act, the library utilizes a technology protection measure that blocks access to images deemed (a) obscene; (b) child pornography; or (c) harmful to minors (for computers that are accessed by minors). The library does not monitor and has no control over the information published by third parties that are accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for any such content accessed on the Internet.