

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

Report to Library Board



To: Chair and Members of the Board
From: Darla Fraser, Chief Executive Officer
Date: April 24, 2024
Report #: 24-06
Subject: Policy Review - Local History

Recommendation

That Report 24-06, Policy Review – Local History be received;

And that the Board approve the Local History Policy, as presented in Appendix A.

Purpose

To provide the opportunity for the board to review the local history policy as per our policy review plan. This policy ensures that the local history collection remains a valuable and respectful resource for understanding the diverse heritage of our area.

The Orangeville Public Library upholds a local history collection to facilitate access to distinctive materials that enrich the understanding of our community's and territory's history. This collection is designed to be complementary and not significantly overlapping with the Museum of Dufferin's collections.

Key Objectives

Preservation & Accessibility:

The collection aims to preserve local history and make it accessible for research and public education.

Cultural Respect & Reconciliation:

It reflects a commitment to respect and reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of the area, acknowledging the historical colonial perspective of some materials.

Collection Strategy

Scope of Collection: The focus is on materials related to the history of Orangeville and the County of Dufferin, including parts of Wellington, Grey, and Simcoe Counties.

Material Types: The primary formats for this collection will be print, microfilm, and digital (where appropriate).

Donation (in conjunction with Donations and Sponsorship Policy)

Acceptance & Assessment: The library accepts relevant local history donations, assessing them for suitability and condition.

Ownership & Management: Donated items become the library's property and are managed according to the collection development policy.

Usage Guidelines

In-Library Use: Local history materials are primarily for in-library use. When possible, copies will be made available for circulation.

Special Loans: Exceptions for short-term loans of reference materials may be approved by the CEO.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact because of this policy.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Direction: Connect

Goal 2: Uphold equitable access to information and services in a safe and welcoming environment.

Objective D: Offer collections, programs and services that are responsive to community needs and interests.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by,
Darla Fraser,
Chief Executive Officer

Related Policies: Collection Development Policy
Donations and Sponsorship Policy

Attachment(s): 1. Appendix A - Local History Policy