

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

Kwantlen Polytechnic University is founded upon the belief that knowledge empowers the individual. The fundamental purpose of the University is to provide quality post-secondary education within an atmosphere of intellectual freedom as expressed in Policy 0.0 Mission and in Policy 4.1 Student Ends. Kwantlen Polytechnic University Coast Capital Library selects materials to enhance every person's education by the right of access to all expressions of knowledge, opinion and creativity of some value or significance.

For this reason, Kwantlen Polytechnic Coast Capital Savings Library has the responsibility to acquire and make available a wide range of books and materials, including those which express controversial views.

This responsibility means that librarians, while recognizing the right of individuals and groups to criticize their selection, must not allow the freedom of choice within the Library to be limited by the personal views of any individual or group.

The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Coast Capital Library subscribes to the principle expressed in the "Statement on Intellectual Freedom", (ratified by the Canadian Library Association's Board of Directors and Council at the 29th Annual Conference in Winnipeg, June 1974 and amended November 17, 1983 and November 18, 1985) found at <http://www.cla.ca/about/intfreed.htm> and to the British Columbia Library Association's "Statement on Intellectual Freedom" found at <http://www.bcla.bc.ca/ifc>.