



Ajax Public Library Board Position Statement

Statement on Intellectual Freedom

Ajax Public Library will uphold the right of all individuals to access knowledge, information, and ideas through Library materials, resources, and services. The Library will provide a wide array of diverse views, opinions, and expressions. This will include those which may be unpopular, considered controversial, or offensive to some. The Library will protect individual privacy and avoid censorship as part of its dedication to intellectual freedom. Restrictions, limitations, and/or exceptions will be made under law or Library policy. The Library will safeguard access to and expressions of knowledge, imagination, ideas, and opinions.

Intellectual freedom is a core value for public libraries, endorsed by the [International Federation of Library Associations](#), [Canadian Federation of Library Associations](#) and the [Ontario Library Association](#).

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Applicable Resources and Legislation

[United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

[Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms](#)

[Ontario Human Rights Code](#)