

## FREEDOM TO VIEW

The freedom to view, along with freedom to speak, to hear, and to read, is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Censorship of audiovisual materials including materials in electronic and other non-print formats, is not condoned by the Guilderland Public Library.

Therefore, this library has adopted the following precepts:

- to provide the broadest possible access to visual materials as a means for communication of ideas. Liberty of circulation is essential to insure the constitutional guarantee of freedom of expression.
- to provide for our patrons visual materials which represent a diversity of views and expression. Selection of a work does not constitute or imply agreement with or approval of content.
- to resist prejudging any visual material on the basis of the moral, religious, or political beliefs of the producer or filmmaker, or on the basis of controversial content.

Adapted from material of the Educational Film Library Association. This policy, adopted by the Library Board of Trustees on September 12, 1989, and revised (February 8, 1996), is consonant with The Library Bill of Rights (q.v.), adopted by the American Library Association January 23, 1980, and approved by the Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees February 9, 1994.

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