

Cornerstone Church Library Selection Policy

The library team of Cornerstone Southern Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC has established the following selection guidelines for their church library ministry to ensure that the highest quality materials are provided to church members and guests.

1. All materials are subject to approval by the church library ministry team and the church leadership. The library ministry team shall have the authority to decide how many copies of any one title are needed in the church library.
2. The collection of materials includes printed media such as books and periodicals, audiovisual media such as audio tapes, video tapes, CDs, DVDs, multimedia kits and software.
3. Media will be selected which relates to the interests and concerns of church staff, ministry leaders, church members of all ages, and people from the community including guests of our church fellowship.
4. Content should be in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - Accurate in facts, scriptural interpretation and doctrine
 - Constructive in influence and morally sound
 - Of high literary or technical quality
 - Include and reflect sound educational methods and should assist in learning
 - Reflect Christian standards of conduct and not promote unChristian attitudes and actions
 - Lives of authors should be consistent with their teachings
5. Regarding non-doctrinal media (representing other religions and viewpoints):
 - The church library ministry wishes to exclude all non-doctrinal media (such as the Koran and the Book of Mormon) from the church library ministry collection. However, media representing a Christian point of view regarding other beliefs will be allowed.
6. Media must be in good physical condition. The physical requirements of media include:
 - New or like-new condition
 - Not worn, yellowed, or brittle
 - Not dirty, stained, or with markings
 - No sign of mold or mildew
 - No sign of infestation (termites, roaches, silverfish, etc.)
 - Not odorous
 - Not broken or damaged
7. Format requirements:
 - Must not be outdated or of an obscure format
 - Must be compatible with current technology
8. Media may be weeded from the library collection according to the guidelines established in the official weeding policy.
9. Media not selected or that is weeded from the collection may be dispensed by the church library ministry team in the following manner:
 - If the media is in good physical condition and meets the standards of the selection policy, it may be given to another church library ministry as soon as possible.
 - If the media is in good physical condition but not suitable for a church library ministry, it may be donated to a shelter, a jail ministry, a hospital ministry, or other organization.

- All media in poor physical condition or of unsavory content should be concealed in boxes or bags by the church library ministry team and taken to a location away from the church property to be thrown away.
10. Gifts should be in accordance with the official gift policy of this church library ministry.
 11. Users of the church library may request a review of objectionable material by the church library ministry team in conjunction with the church staff. Final decisions will rest with the church staff.
 12. Patrons of the library are encouraged to communicate with the library ministry team regarding media ministry needs to assist the team in making informed selections for the collection.