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Book Selection Philosophy on the Bookmobile for Families

Hello Parents and Guardians,

The Lake Travis Community Library (LTCL) Bookmobile travels around the library district to share the love of learning with students through the school year at partnering preschools.

The preschool, daycare center, or other entity caring for your child or children has partnered with the Lake Travis Community Library to provide Bookmobile visits to your child's preschool on a regular basis. The preschool teachers and staff, along with our library staff and volunteers, want to work with you to promote reading and a love of learning with your child. We would like you to be aware of the following book selection philosophy concerning books and other library materials.

The Library has adopted and follows the Library Bill of Rights and its Interpretations, the Freedom to Read statement, and the Freedom to View statement, all published by the American Library Association (ALA), which may be viewed at www.ala.org. Included in the ALA statements is a commitment to honor the rights of an individual to use the Library without discrimination. The Library is committed to providing equal service to all library users. Although the Library may help patrons with requests for specific material, it cannot change the Bookmobile collection for each individual stop.

Concerning the suitability of the material chosen by a child from the Bookmobile, the Library adopts the position stated in the ALA Statements that "parents – and only parents – have the right and responsibility to restrict the access of their children – and only their children – to library resources." As a parent or guardian, you are ultimately responsible for monitoring any materials checked out and used by your children. The Library is not responsible for deciding or monitoring what materials may be inappropriate for a student. You are encouraged to review checked-out items and return inappropriate materials.

The Library is excited to share library services with your child! Any questions or concerns may be brought to the Library staff member on the bookmobile, the Outreach Librarian, or to the Library Director.

Thank you,

Lake Travis Community Library Staff and Volunteers