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| **Related Policies** | | * OC7: Composition of the Collection |
| **Associated Documents** | |  |
| **Implementation Procedures** | | * Appendix R: Collection Development Plan |

1. **Native, Indigenous & Canadian Collections**

Special emphasis shall be given to acquiring materials created by Haudenosaunee and Native authors about Haudenosaunee and Indigenous populations in North America and globally. Authors who have been significant in the development of Native literature, as well as Canada's literature and new writers who become important shall be represented in the collection.

1. **Local History**

Providing access to the historical past of Six Nations, the Grand River Territory and the original Haudenosaunee territories and the surrounding area is an important function of the Library. Works by and about local authors, and materials relating to the history of Six Nations and area shall be acquired if they meet the selection standards of the Library and prove suitable to the community's needs.

1. **Local Content**

The writings of contemporary authors which reflect the local territory, customs, or heritage of the Six Nations peoples are an important component of the Library Collection Six Nations and shall be acquired if they meet the selection standards of the Library and prove suitable to the community's needs.

1. **Language**
   1. As the CEO and Board are committed to providing library service in both English and the Haudenosaunee languages, English and the languages of the six Confederacy nations materials shall be acquired (as available) which, as derived through analysis and experience, are most appropriate for the community.
   2. The Library shall, when possible, create and develop language materials for use both in-house and for circulation.
   3. The Library shall also purchase materials, when available in other community spoken languages beyond English and Haudenosaunee.
   4. The Library shall endeavour to meet the needs of clients who require materials in languages other than English or Native languages through participation in the interlibrary loan network and through the multilingual collections provided through the SOLS and OLS-N.
2. **Acquisition and Access of Local History**
   1. Onsite circulating collections are available for any patron to use.
   2. Reference, reserve, and archive local history collections are available to patrons and guests by appointment.
   3. The Library will actively acquire materials of significance to the Local History collection, while working within space allowances and budgets. The CEO will maintain a list of key Local History and Archival materials which are desired for acquisition.