AUDIO/VISUAL COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Harlem Public Library Audio/Visual Collection Development Policy

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The audio/visual collection consists of DVDs, audiobooks, as well as other CDs that include music, storytelling, etc.

Purpose:

The purpose of the audio/visual (AV) collection is to provide users a variety of educational and recreational listening and viewing materials.

This includes materials not readily available at local video rental businesses. Scope:

The collection will include classics, bestsellers, documentaries, self-educational, and popular titles.

Selection:

Selection tools for the A/V collection are primarily from vendor catalogs, library reviews, as well as staff and patron suggestions. Donations are also accepted.

Criteria for Selection:

Selection is made based on subject matter, popularity, and how the title will fit into the collection as a whole. Titles selected for the A/V collection will include classics (American and foreign), documentaries (historical, scientific, travel, etc.,), and instructional (gardening, hunting, cooking, etc.) besides recreational titles.

Goals:

As budget permits, expansion of the collection will take place.

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