**Frost Free Library Statement on Intellectual Freedom**

The Board believes that censorship is a purely individual matter and states that while one is personally free to reject materials of which one does not approve, one cannot exercise this right of censorship to restrict the freedom of others to read, view or participate.

As such the Board also emphasizes that the Library does not have the authority to make decisions concerning which books, materials, exhibits, or programs children read, view, or attend. Such authority is entirely the parent's or guardian's responsibility. The selection of materials will not be restricted by the possibility that young people may obtain materials that their parents/guardians consider inappropriate.

The Board adopts and declares that it will adhere to and support *The Library Bill of Rights* and *The Freedom to Read Statement* adopted by the American Library Association. Both are included in this policy manual. The Board interprets these statements to also apply to exhibits and programs in the library.

The Board defends the freedom to read and declares that whenever censorship is involved, no book, library material, exhibit, or program shall be removed from the library save by order of a court.