402.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Lummi Library Collection Development and Management Policy is to guide the selection and deselection of library materials in all formats and in accordance with the standards of the library profession.

402.2 SCOPE

The policy applies to all who use the library, either in person or remotely, and all who work in the library, whether paid or unpaid.

402.3 BACKGROUND

The library serves two primary constituencies: The Northwest Indian College, including students, faculty, and staff in all locations and via all modalities, and the Lummi Reservation Community. The library also serves the students, faculty, and staff of Bellingham Technical College, Whatcom Community College, Western Washington University, and the Skagit Valley College through reciprocal borrowing agreements, and the residents of the city of Bellingham and Whatcom County through the Whatcom Connections program. The library collections are open to the public.

402.4 POLICY STATEMENT

The mission of the library to support the Northwest Indian College and the Lummi community with research, informational, tribal, cultural, and recreational resources that enhance life-long learning. This policy is written to provide direction for the administration of the Lummi Library relating to library collection development and management, consistent with that mission and with the accreditation standards as established by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.
402.5 RESPONSIBILITY

Under the supervision of the Dean of Academics, responsibility for selection lies with the librarian. The librarian consults with department chairs, the Associate Dean of Two-Year Programs of Study, site managers, faculty members, the Lummi Nation School, and LIBC to ensure that the collections in their areas of expertise are sufficiently current, broad, and deep to meet the needs of their programs. The librarian also consults professional review media and catalogs in relevant fields. As new programs of study are developed the librarian consults with the developers to assure that the library's collections meet the needs of the new programs. The library solicits recommendations from faculty, staff, students, and community library patrons.

402.6 DEFINITIONS

Definitions of the collections are included in the Procedures document, PRO-404.

402.7 REVIEW DATE

This policy is subject to review every five years.

402.8 RELATED DOCUMENTS

Collection Development and Management Procedure (PRO 402)

Library Use Policy (POL 401)

Library Use Procedure (PRO 403)