

## ***INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM***

Kwantlen Polytechnic University is founded upon the belief that knowledge empowers the individual. The fundamental purpose of the University is to provide quality post-secondary education within an atmosphere of intellectual freedom as expressed in [Principles of Academic Freedom and Responsibility](#). The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library selects materials to enhance every person's education by the right of access to all expressions of knowledge, opinion and creativity of some value or significance.

For this reason, the KPU Library has the responsibility to acquire and make available a wide range of books and materials, including those which express controversial views.

This responsibility means that librarians, while recognizing the right of individuals and groups to criticize their selection, must not allow the freedom of choice within the Library to be limited by the personal views of any individual or group.

The KPU Library subscribes to the principles expressed in the "Statement on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries", (Canadian Federation of Library Associations; approval history: Canadian Library Association Executive Council, June 27, 1974 and amended November 17, 1983, November 18, 1985 and September 27, 2015) at <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/guidelines-and-position-papers/statement-on-intellectual-freedom-and-libraries/> and to the British Columbia Library Association's "Statement on Intellectual Freedom" found at [https://bclaconnect.ca/?page\\_id=916](https://bclaconnect.ca/?page_id=916).