

**SPRINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Policies and Procedures**

Collection Development: World Wide Web Sites

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Signature: Name: Title: Board President			

A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria for the selection of freely available external Web sites.

Policy

Electronic resources freely available on the World Wide Web provide information that may not be readily available within the confines of the library.

The selection of these sites is consistent with the library's overall Collection Development Policy. Sites selected will be consistent with the mission of the library and the goals of the library Web site.

Sites will be selected by the Reference Team and the Library Web Team. Professional review sources will be consulted and the following criteria will be applied to the selection process: the authority of the author of the site, accuracy, the publishing body, bias, currency, the intended audience, technical aspects of the site including access and design.

Sites will be regularly reevaluated and will be deselected if they do not continue to meet the above stated criteria.

Inclusion of a site does not indicate an endorsement by the library. The library may choose to not include a link to a site even if it does meet the above stated criteria. It is the responsibility of the user to evaluate the quality and validity of a site.

B. Applicability

This policy applies to selecting external Web sites as links from the Library Web page.

C. Responsibility

The Director is responsible for the administration of this policy. The Reference Team is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

D. Appendices

Web site evaluation tools available at <http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/webcrit.html> and <http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/evalcrit.html>.