

# MOORE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY (DRAFT)

## CHANGES

Updated Community Profile- updated with 2020 Census data  
Updated Material formats- Removed musical CDs section  
Local Author Collection added

## II. Community Analysis Considerations

### Community Profile

Texas City covers approximately 64 square miles on the upper Texas Gulf Coast, with a service population in 2021 of approximately 56,000 persons. The community is heavily industrial with the petrochemical industry, port operations and support services accounting for a large portion of the local economy.

The community is increasingly racially diverse with residents in the 2020 census identifying themselves as follows:

- 38.0 % White (not Hispanic)
- 29.0 % Hispanic or Latino
- 28.5 % African American
- 0.8 % Asian
- 0.4 % Native American

7.7% of the population was born outside the United States and 20.5 % of the residents speak a language other than English at home.

A sizeable portion of the community has a low level of personal income. Only 15 % of the residents older than 25 have completed a Bachelor's degree. 19.1 % of residents of all ages live below the poverty level. About 26 % of the population is under the age of 18. Roughly 86% of households have a computer present and roughly 80% have access to broadband internet.

## LOCAL AUTHOR COLLECTION

The Texas City Local Author Collection is provided to highlight the authors of Texas City. These items will circulate under normal rules to library patrons. The purpose is to connect readers with the authors of the community. All items must be donated to be considered for inclusion.

### **Procedures for submitting to the Local Author Collection**

- Local authors must reside in Galveston County. Authors residing in Texas City will be given priority if shelf space is an issue.
- No more than three books from a single author will be accepted in a 12 month period.
- Authors may be limited even further based on shelf spacing issues.
- Authors must submit a donated copy of their book for review to MMPL.
- Local Authors must be 12 years or older; authors younger than 18 must have parental consent to donate book.
- Printed books must be bound in hardcover or trade paperback formats in suitable condition for circulating.
- Books will be immediately disqualified for the following reasons:
  - Potential loose pieces – loose-leaf pages, items glued inside the book, etc.
  - Lots of typos or other errors.
  - Workbooks or other books that encourage writing inside them.
  - Books with legally defamatory content.
- The author must represent and warrant full ownership and/or legal rights to publish all material in this book, including artwork.
- Books donated to the Local Author Collection may become damaged or go missing and thus be removed from the collection. Authors will not be informed of this removal. A second donated copy may be accepted to replace a damaged or missing copy.
- Books donated to the Local Author Collection become the property of the Library, which has the prerogative to keep or dispose of the items.
- Works of non-fiction, will not be considered without accompanying professional reviews.
  - An exception is works shelved in non-fiction such as poetry or drama that are artistic in nature.
  - It is up to local authors to solicit reviews for their works. You may resubmit your work if professional reviews appear at a later time.
- Due to limited staff team, library representatives are not able to meet with every author to discuss the work. Decisions made by the library are final.
- The library will not provide professional reviews, promotion, or marketing of an author's work, whether the materials are included or excluded.