

Joy Library Collection Policy

Joy Library will collect resources for adults that are in keeping with Albany Unitarian Universalist Society (AUU)'s mission and with the Unitarian Universalist Principles. The Library's first priority is to collect resources on the UU faith tradition and its current developments. Beyond Unitarian Universalism, the Library's collection will emphasize world religions, especially liberal theology and spirituality, and ethical and social justice issues. While UU and AUU history is valued, Joy Library's collection supports exploration more than research. Members and friends are eligible to borrow books; guests and newcomers will be accommodated on an individual basis.

Selection of materials

Materials are selected by the Library Committee, in consultation with the minister when appropriate.

Suggestions and Donations

The Library Committee welcomes suggestions via a note to the Library Committee chair. All suggestions and donations will be considered. Collection criteria will be applied equally to purchases, donations, and suggestions.

Donations from individuals, whether of individual items or collections, will be reviewed and evaluated by the Library Committee prior to acceptance. Resources in good condition that fit with the Library's mission and selection policy will become part of the Library's collection. Donations may be made via a note to the Library Committee Chair detailing the offered item. The Library Committee Chair or a Library Committee member will respond to the donor to accept or decline the donation. If items are given to the Library without prior consultation, the items will not be returned, and the Library Committee will properly dispose of any items not added to the Joy Library collection.

Donations from other AUU committees, within the parameters of the collection policy, are encouraged. Committees must consult with the Library Committee Chair before purchasing materials for Joy Library.

Weeding

A vital library collection is sustained through both adding and removing materials (weeding). The Library Committee is responsible for weeding Joy Library. All materials in Joy Library are subject to weeding. Among the criteria for weeding are item condition, currency of topic, frequency of use, space, relevance to current AUU mission and goals, and interest to AUU members, staff, and friends.

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