It is the policy of El Camino College to maintain library services that are an integral part of the educational program and will comply with the requirements of the Reader Privacy Act. The District will provide the means to assure the planned and systematic acquisition and maintenance of library materials and information resources, resulting in a well-balanced collection having the depth, scope, and currency necessary to meet the needs of the El Camino College community.

The librarians, working in collaboration with other faculty, shall have primary responsibility for the identification, selection, and provision of academic resources, instruction in their effective use, and other services that meet the information needs of the El Camino College community. Donated materials will be evaluated using the same criteria as other materials.

Library resources shall be accessible to all currently enrolled students and campus employees. Students and faculty involved in distance education or off-campus programs shall have electronic access to sufficient library resources to ensure successful completion of their academic coursework. The libraries shall be open during all terms in which classes are offered. Libraries shall operate under the supervision of library faculty during all open hours.

The District supports the American Library Association’s Bill of Rights that affirms both library users’ right to read what they choose and the library’s responsibility to provide books and other resources presenting a variety of points of view.

Procedures for implementing the policy will be developed in collegial consultation with the Academic Senate and the Superintendent/President.

References:  Education Code, Section 78100  
Civil Code Section 1798.90  
Title V, Section 53200

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