



## Enki Collection Development Statement

### ***Introduction***

[enkilibrary.org](http://enkilibrary.org) is the first statewide eBook platform created by libraries for libraries. With over 60,000 eBook titles in the shared collection, enki provides library subscribers with a turnkey, ready-made, librarian-curated collection of popular indie fiction and nonfiction genres including romance, mysteries, graphic novels, crafts, cooking and more.

### ***Collection Overview***

The enki library eBook collection is intended to support a library's bestseller platform such as Overdrive, Axis 360 or Cloud Library. Materials purchased include niche content such as computer, business, and student study guides, as well as popular indie fiction that sometimes can get overlooked when purchasing from bestseller platforms. Where possible and appropriate, materials are purchased with a perpetual, always-available license to allow for unlimited downloaded. Otherwise materials are purchased on a 1-copy 1-user license.

### ***Collection Funding***

Funding for enki Library has been provided by a Bay Area Library Information Systems (BALIS) Innovation Grant, a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the California State Library, a California Library Services Act (CLSA) grant from the State Library, a contribution from the State Library of Kansas, library subscriptions and the Califa annual budget.

### ***Responsibility for Selection***

Collection development is overseen by the Califa Interim Director and from recommendations from participating library collection development staff, the Collection Development Advisory Group, as well as from library patrons.

### ***Selection Criteria***

The following criteria are used when selecting titles for the collection. Titles may be selected based on the presence of one or more criteria. Not all criteria must be met for a title to be selected. When possible, reviews from publications such as Booklist, School Library Journal, Kirkus, Choice and the New York Times are consulted. The decision to include a title in the collection does not indicate endorsement by or the views of Califa.

#### General Criteria

- Accuracy and objectivity of the subject matter
- Artistic merit or excellence
- Attention from critics and professional reviews
- Authority of the author/creator or publisher
- Award-winning or "classic" title
- Cost and budget
- Cultural diversity

- Educational relevance to the [Common Core State Standards](#)
- Lasting value of material
- Popular demand
- Relevance to community needs
- Representation of diversity of viewpoints
- Significance of topic
- Timeliness

### ***Deselection and Replacement Criteria***

Some publishers place certain restrictions on their eBook titles, including check-out limits or expiration dates. As titles from these publishers expire, the following criteria will be considered when deciding whether or not to repurchase the title:

- Number of copies still in the collection
- Date of last check-out
- Current number of holds
- Total number of check-outs
- Cost of purchasing additional copies

Titles will be repurchased if the criteria indicate a continued need and demand.

The nonfiction collection will be reviewed once a year to determine if materials are outdated. The following criteria will be considered when reviewing these materials:

- Superseded editions
- Incorrect, outdated, or obsolete information
- Date of last check-out
- Current number of holds
- Total number of check-outs

Titles will be removed as necessary based on one or more of the criteria.

### ***Review of the Collection Development Policy***

This policy will be reviewed and revised by Califa staff as needed.

### ***Reconsideration of Materials***

Califa believes in ALA's [Library Bill of Rights](#) and [Freedom to Read](#) and believes all materials in the collection are protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. eRead Illinois also recognizes the right of any person from a participating library to request that a title be reconsidered.

If a person wishes to request that a title be reconsidered, he/she must submit a completed Request for Reconsideration Form [online](#) or can be [downloaded](#) and submitted by e-mail to Paula MacKinnon, Califa Interim Director, at [pmackinnon@califa.org](mailto:pmackinnon@califa.org), fax to 650-349-5089, or mail to 2471 Flores St. San Mateo CA 94403.

The title in question will be reviewed by the enki Collection Development Advisory Group to determine if it aligns with the collection development guidelines. Once a decision has been made, the requestor named on the Request for Reconsideration form will receive a written response indicating the decision and reasoning. Titles will remain in the collection during this process.