13.8 Unsolicited Self-Published Works

A. Purpose: New Hanover County Public Library temporarily makes available recently produced fiction and nonfiction by local and regional authors that, while of local interest because of subject matter, setting, or local authorship, may not otherwise meet NHCPL’s standard criteria for purchase.

B. Scope: Unsolicited Self-Published Works includes recently published works produced by New Hanover County residents or recently published works by regional authors pertaining to southeastern North Carolina.
   1) The term “Recently published” is here defined to mean published within the last twelve months.
   2) The term “Self-published” is here defined to include books published by very small publishers, vanity presses, print-on-demand or other Internet-based publishing services, and generally not reviewed outside of local media.
   3) The term “Regional author” is here defined to mean one living and writing in Southeastern North Carolina.
   4) Any work by a New Hanover County author may be considered to be of potential interest to the community regardless of setting or subject matter.

C. Responsibility for Selection: The Library Director delegates the management of Unsolicited Self-Published works to primary selectors designated from among the professional staff.

D. Criteria for Selection: See 13.0 Collection Development (D); additional criteria include:
   1) NHCPL will accept for consideration one donated copy of any recently self-published work by a local author or regional author at the request of the author or author’s representative.
   2) Should any such donations not be accepted by professional staff, they will be returned to the author and no public acknowledgement will be made.
   3) See also 9.0 Gifts and Fund Raising

E. Selection Tools: See 13.0 Collection Development (E)

F. Formats: See 13.0 Collection Development (F)

G. Consortia: See 13.0 Collection Development (G); additional criteria include:
   1) Electronic submissions may be subject to consideration by third party reviewers.
   2) EBooks may be made available to public library patrons beyond New Hanover County via subscribing institutions.

H. Interlibrary Loan: See 13.0 Collection Development (H)

I. Deselection: See 13.0 Collection Development (I); additional criteria include:
   1) Items are accepted on a temporary basis and will be retained only as long as interest persists.

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