13.6 Law Library Collection

A. Purpose: New Hanover County’s Law Library collection supports the general legal research needs of the citizens of New Hanover County and provides access to the most commonly used legal tools for local attorneys and court employees.

B. Scope: In addition to the General Statutes of North Carolina and local ordinances (Wilmington, Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach, Kure Beach and New Hanover County), a variety of up-to-date manuals and legal form books are maintained, along with a number of ready-reference case law subscriptions, in both print and electronic formats. The law library is not a historical repository, nor does it maintain an in-depth research collection.

C. Responsibility for Selection: The Library Director delegates the management of Law Library collection development activities to designated professional staff.

D. Criteria for Selection: See 13.0 Collection Development (D); additional criteria include:
   1) Applicability to local needs.
   2) Ease of access. Electronic formats which make the materials available to the public outside of normal business hours will be given preference over print materials.

E. Selection Tools: See 13.0 Collection Development (E); additional selection tools include:
   1) Noted publishers of legal materials will be given preference for subscriptions and standing orders.
   2) Recommendations from local attorneys or other legal services workers.

F. Formats: See 13.0 Collection Development (F)

G. Consortia: See 13.0 Collection Development (G)

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

I. Deselection: See 13.0 Collection Development (I)