

RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

The Library recognizes that some materials are controversial and that any given item may offend some people. Selection will not be made on the basis of any anticipated approval or disapproval but solely on the merits of the work in relation to building the collections and serving the interest of the public. Responsibility for the use of library materials by children rests with their parents and legal guardians. Selection will not be influenced by the possibility that materials may inadvertently come into the possession of children.

Library materials will not be marked or identified to show approval or disapproval of the contents, and no materials will be sequestered, except to protect them from damage or theft. The use of rare and scholarly items of great value may be controlled to the extent required to preserve them from harm, but no further.

The Library accepts recommendations from the public regarding the reconsideration of a selection. Persons shall be asked to submit their recommendations on the Request for Reconsideration of Materials form and to state their specific reasons after having read or listened to the entire content of the item. The Associate Director of Public Services shall consider all requests for reconsideration submitted on this form and respond to them in writing. The Executive Director shall show the requests and responses to the Library Board for their information and review.