

CHALLENGED MATERIALS

The Library recognizes that some materials are controversial and that any given item may offend some patrons. Selection of materials will not be made on the basis of anticipated approval or disapproval but solely on the basis of the principles stated(s) in the Material Selection Policy.

Responsibility for children's reading rests with their parents or legal guardians. Selection of Library materials will not be inhibited by the possibility that materials may come into the possession of children. Library materials will not be marked or identified to show approval or disapproval of their contents, and no library material will be sequestered except to protect it from damage or theft.

Although materials are carefully selected, differences of opinion can arise regarding suitable materials. Patrons requesting that materials be withdrawn from or restricted within the collection must complete a "Request for Reconsideration" form, available from the Director or on the Library's website. The inquiry will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the John Jermain Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

Displays of Library materials are curated by the Library staff. Library displays are a collection of individual items. If a patron wishes to challenge items on display, the patron should submit a "Request for Reconsideration" form for each item in the display they wish to have withdrawn or restricted.

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