

Challenged Materials Policy

Delhi Public Library

The library believes in freedom of information for all, and does not practice censorship. The selection of library materials is predicated on the patron's right to read and similarly, his freedom from censorship by others. Many books are controversial and any given item may offend some person. Selections for the library will not, however, be made on the basis of anticipated approval or disapproval, but solely on the merits of the material in relation to the building of the collection and to serving the interests of the reader.

The library holds censorship to be a purely individual matter and declares that while anyone is free to reject books and other materials of which he/she does not approve, he/she may not exercise censorship to restrict the freedom of others.

Responsibility for materials selected and read by children and adolescents rests with their parents or legal guardians. Selection decisions are not influenced by the possibility that materials may be accessible to minors. Materials are not labeled to show approval or disapproval or to indicate certain philosophies. No items are sequestered except to protect them from damage or theft.

The Library does not indicate through the use of labels or other devices, particular philosophies outlined in a book. Labeling establishes in a reader's mind a judgment before the reader has had the opportunity to examine the book thoroughly.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the collection of diverse materials may result in some complaints or requests for reconsideration. Procedures have been developed to assure that complaints are handled in an attentive and consistent manner.

Please contact the Library Director for a 'Request for Reconsideration' form.

Request for Reconsideration of Library Material

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Title of Material to be Reconsidered: _____

Author of Material to be Reconsidered: _____

Did you read or view the entire work? Yes: _____ No: _____ Amount: _____

What is objectionable about the material, and how do you expect it to affect the users of the Library? (Be specific; cite page numbers or other particular references. Use back of form if necessary.)

Is there anything positive about the material as a whole? (Be specific; cite page numbers or other particular references. Use back of form if necessary.)

Have you consulted an evaluation of this work by experienced critics? No: _____ Yes: _____

(If "Yes", please cite): _____

What are your specific recommendations to the Library regarding this work?

Would you recommend this material for a specific age group? _____

If you are suggesting removal of the item, what work of equal value do you recommend for replacement?

Received By: _____ Branch: _____

The Delhi Library values the opinions of all members of the community.

Please be advised that this completed form will appear in the Delhi Public Library Board of Trustees Report which is a public document.

Name: _____ Library Card Number: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Representing: Self: _____ Organization (Name): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____