

Abington Public Library Policy of Reconsideration of Library Materials

The Public Library reflects within its collection differing points of view. The Abington Public Library does not promote particular beliefs or views, nor does the selection of an item express or imply endorsement of the author's viewpoint. Library materials will not be marked or identified to show approval or disapproval of the contents, nor will items be sequestered, except for the purpose of protecting them from damage or theft.

Comments from Abington resident cardholders about the collection or individual items in the collection frequently provide librarians with useful information about interests or needs that may not be adequately met by the collection. The Library welcomes expressions of opinion by patrons, but will be governed by its General Collection Development Policy in making additions to or deleting items from the collection.

Abington resident cardholders who request the reconsideration of library materials will be asked to put their request in writing by completing and signing the form entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials." Forms are available at the library.

Upon receipt of a formal, written request, the Director will review the request. The Director will inform the Board of Library Trustees of all requests for reconsideration of library materials. The Director will communicate the results of the formal reconsideration to the person who initiated the request.

In the event that the person who initiated the request is not satisfied with the decision of the Director, he/she may request a hearing before the Board of Library Trustees by making a written request to the Chairman of the Board. The Board of Library Trustees reserves the right to schedule the hearing and to limit the length of presentation and number of speakers at the hearing. The Board will determine whether the request for reconsideration has been handled in accordance with all stated policies and procedures of the Abington Public Library. On the basis of this determination, the Board may vote to uphold or override the decision of the Director.

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