

COL 10 – Statement of Concern, Intellectual Freedom, and Concerns About Library Resources

Statement of Concern

The Library makes every effort to select materials that will appeal to the wide range of interests, points of view, reading, and viewing levels of those in the community. Staff also recognize that at times a particular item may conflict with an individual patron's beliefs or taste and that a patron may ask staff to reconsider this item. In order to accommodate a patron's concerns about an item, they may use the Library's "Statement of Concern About Library Resources" procedure to express their views and to suggest a remedy that they may want.

Intellectual Freedom

Freedom of speech, as provided for in the United States Constitution, is vital to maintaining a free society. Essential to this is the ability to see, hear, and express different ideas and viewpoints. The Library upholds these rights and adheres to the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights, and Freedom to Read Statement.

Every individual holds beliefs and values which may, at times, be in conflict with those of others. Citizens do have the rights to request reconsideration of Library resources.

Concerns About Library Resources

Upon submission to the Library Director of a completed "Statement of Concern About Library Resources" form, the Director will conduct a staff review of the selection process and criteria, the objections raised, and the actions requested.

The Director will then submit a recommendation regarding the statement of concern form to the Library Board members so that the matter may be considered by the Board no later than its second meeting following receipt of the form.

The Director will notify the person submitting the form of the time and place of the Board meeting at which the matter will be discussed, invite them to attend the meeting, and provide a copy of the staff recommendation.

The Board's action on the "Statement of Concern About Library Resources" is final.

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STATEMENT OF CONCERN ABOUT LIBRARY RESOURCES AND/OR PROGRAMMING

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Resource on which you are commenting:

_____ Book	_____ Content of Library Program
_____ Audio-visual Resource	_____ Newspaper
_____ Magazine	_____ Other

Title: _____

Author/Publisher or Producer/Date: _____

1. What brought this resource to your attention?
2. To what do you object? Please be as specific as possible.
3. Have you read or listened or viewed the entire content? If not, what parts?
4. What do you feel the effect of the material might be?
5. For what age group would you recommend this material?
6. In its place, what material of equal or better quality would you recommend?
7. What do you want the library to do with this material?
8. Additional comments: