

CENSORSHIP & RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

1. Censorship of materials, urged or practiced by volunteer arbiters of morals or political opinion or by organizations which would establish a coercive concept of Americanism, must be challenged by libraries in maintenance of their responsibility to provide public information and enlightenment through the recorded word.
2. The selection of materials, if questioned, shall be reviewed in the following manner:
 - a. A person with an objection will be urged to fill out a complaint form after reading the entire book (see blank form "Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of a Book"). This complaint form, presented to them so they may submit a formal statement in preparation for a conference, will be returned to the Library Director.
 - b. The Board and the Director shall read the book and review it.
 - c. A conference will be held with the complainant, the Board and the Director.
 - d. The decision concerning further use of the material will be made by the Board and the Director by motion and vote.
3. This method should serve to reassure citizens that thoughtful consideration is given to the selection of reading materials. It should also serve as a means of informing citizens that the Board will not be pressured by those who want only one point of view represented in the public library.

Attachment:

Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of a Book