

Hart County Library Reconsideration of Library Materials

(from the most recent Hart County Library Collection Development Policy, last updated April 12, 2016)

A. 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 set forth in the collection development policy.

B. Library materials will not be marked or identified to show approval or disapproval of their contents, and no library materials will be sequestered, except to protect them from damage or theft. Material being questioned will remain in the collection available to patrons throughout the review process and until a decision is made.

C. Responsibility of the reading habits of children rests with the child's parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Selection of materials for the collection is not to be inhibited by the possibility that items may inadvertently come into the possession of children.

D. Patrons requesting that an item be withdrawn from the collection may complete a "Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials" form (see below). Upon receipt of this written request, the director will appoint an ad hoc committee from the professional staff. The committee will make a written recommendation to the director, who will then decide the disposition of the item. The director will, at the earliest possible date, communicate his/her decision, and the reasons for it, in writing to the person who initiated the request. The director will inform the Board of all requests for reconsideration and their disposition.

The trustees of the Hart County Library have established a materials selection policy and a procedure for gathering input about particular items. Completion of this form is the first step in that procedure. If you wish to request reconsideration of a resource, please return the completed form to the library director.

Please note:

- A. A patron who submits a Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Form must be a resident of the Hart County Library's service area – Hart County, Georgia.*
- B. A patron may have only one active reconsideration in process at a time; and a patron may only submit individual titles for reconsideration, rather than a list (or lists) of books.*
- C. Once a book has been addressed/reconsidered by the library board or the appropriate subcommittee, that book may not be submitted for reconsideration for a minimum of two years.*

Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials (Form)
(Updated 10/11/2022)

Today's date:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Telephone : _____

E-mail address: _____

Do you represent yourself? (Y/N): _____

Or an organization? (Y/N): _____

If yes, name of organization: _____

1. Resource upon which you are commenting:

Book or e-book Magazine Digital resource
 Newspaper Movie Audio recording
 Other

2. What brought this resource to your attention?

3. Have you examined the entire resource? If not, what sections did you review?

4. What concerns you about the resource?

- 5. Are there resource(s) you would suggest to provide additional information and/or other viewpoints on this topic?

- 6. What action are you requesting that the committee consider?

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