

# **Mooresville Public Library Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Material Challenge Packet**

## **Overview**

If you question the appropriateness of collection material[s] within the Mooresville Public Library [MPL] collection, make a thorough study of the Materials Challenge Packet before deciding whether or not to pursue a challenge to materials. After a careful review of this packet, if you still think that the item in question should be removed or purchased, complete the 2 following steps:

1. Complete the Request for Reconsideration of Mooresville Public Library Materials form, and
2. Return the completed form to a Manager or Library Director.

When you return the completed Request for Reconsideration of MPL Materials form to the Library Director or Manager, you will be requesting a Materials Challenge Review.

The Library Director will then create an ad hoc committee (called the Materials Review Committee) composed of Library Director, a member of the MPL Board of Trustees, Library professional and paraprofessional staff, to evaluate the challenged item and decide if the item fits the MPL Materials Selection Policy.

The committee will make a decision that the work be purchased, retained, withdrawn, or restricted. This decision will be sent to the Library Director, who will mail you the decision at the mailing address you provided.

If you are not satisfied with the decision of the Materials Review Committee, you may request an appeal to the Library Director by scheduling an appointment. The Library Director will review discuss your appeal (as well as the work of the Materials Review Committee) before making a decision. The Director will decide that the work be purchased, retained, withdrawn, or restricted. The Director will then notify you in writing of the final decision, which will not be subject to further appeal.

***No Library materials will be removed without the review process. Item in question will remain on the shelf and available to Library users until a final decision is made.***

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### **Collection Maintenance/Weeding**

The Library maintains an attractive, up-to-date collection through continual evaluation of material. As with selection of material, decisions to withdraw material is made by professional staff according to a variety of criteria. Criteria includes:

- Insufficient use (determined through circulation reports)
- Excessive wear and tear
- Space availability
- Changing interests of the community
- Items superseded by new editions of the same or similar work.
- Formats no longer current or used by patrons
- Obsolete information

Periodical subscriptions are reviewed annually.

Weeding is the process of removing material from the collection and withdrawing such material from the system. Mooresville Public Library reserves the right to determine how materials are weeded. Items that are damaged or outdated may be thrown away. Items in good condition may be given to the Friends of the Library to be sold or donated to charitable agencies.

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### **References**

"The Freedom to Read Statement", American Library Association, July 26, 2006.  
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