

RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS  
AT THE  
J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

The choice of library materials by users is an individual matter. While a person may reject materials for himself/herself, he/she cannot exercise censorship to restrict access to the materials by others.

Recognizing that a diversity of materials may result in some requests for reconsideration, the following procedures have been developed to assure that objections or complaints are handled in an attentive and consistent manner.

Any resident of the Town of Westford that has a concern regarding the selection of a specific title is welcome to discuss the interpretation of these principles with the Library Director. A formal review of any title or material is initiated only upon the submittal of a *Request for Reconsideration* form. Upon submittal of this form, professional selectors on the staff will read, review and comparatively assess the material being reconsidered. A formal written response and assessment will be forthcoming from the Director, along with a copy of the Library Material Selection Policy [subsumed in the Collection Development Policy] and any other appropriate documentation.

Should the patron desire further edification from the governing body of the Library, the resident should then put their concerns in writing to the Board of Trustees. The Board will then study the matter relative to the individual concern and the selection principles as promulgated. If materials meet the criteria of selection, they will not be removed from the collection because of pressure from any individual or group.

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