

603.9 RECONSIDERATION

A patron's choice of library materials for personal use is an individual matter. Responsibility for the use of materials by children and adolescents rests with their parents or legal guardians. While a person may reject materials for himself or herself and for his or her children, he/she cannot exercise censorship to restrict access to the materials by others.

Any adult patron in the library's service area who objects to the presence of a work may present that objection by completing a "Request for Reconsideration of Library Resources" form. (Section 603.91) The library will not consider the request if the reconsideration form has not been completed fully, and if the item in question has not been completely read, listened to, or viewed. The patron will receive a notice of receipt of their reconsideration form. The Director and selected professional staff will review the request, and the resulting written decision will be forwarded to the concerned party.

If the patron is not satisfied with the response, they may request that a review committee be convened to review the matter. If so requested, the committee will consist of one member of the Library Board, the librarian who selected the material in question, a person or persons from the community, selected by the Board from a list of volunteers, and the Director or his/her designee.

The review committee will report to the Library Board its finding on whether the material in question was properly selected and ought to be retained under this policy.

The Library Board will vote to accept or reject the committee's recommendation on the disposition of the item in question. The originator of the request for reconsideration will be given the opportunity to speak to the issue prior to the Board's vote.

No item under reconsideration will be removed without a formal directive from the Library Board.

The decision by the Library Board is final. Once an item has been reconsidered and either retained or removed, it may not be reconsidered again for the next five years. A permanent file will be kept of all records pertaining to any challenged item.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY RESOURCES

Return to: Muskegon Area District Library, 4845 Airline Rd. Unit 5, Muskegon MI 49444

Date: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you have a current library card from Muskegon Area District Library? _____

Is this request on behalf of: Yourself _____ Organization _____

Title of Item in Question: _____

Author/Artist/Director: _____

Publisher: _____

Date Published: _____

This item is a (circle one):

Book Magazine Newspaper Audio Book

DVD Music CD Online Resource

Did you read, view, or listen to the entire item? _____

What brought this item to your attention?

What concerns you about this item? Please cite specific pages, passages, or scenes.

Why do you believe this material is not in keeping with the Collection Development Policy?