Reconsideration of Library Materials

Campbell County Public Library System (CCPLS)
Collection Development Policy Section III-10

A singular obligation of a public library is to reflect within its collection differing points of view on controversial or debatable subjects. The Campbell County Public Library System does not promote particular beliefs or views, nor does the selection of an item express or imply an endorsement of the author’s viewpoint.

1. A patron who finds an item(s) in the CCPLS collection they feel should be deleted or moved, should discuss their concerns with the department manager where the item is shelved.

2. If resolution is not possible, the patron will be asked to put his/her request in writing by completing and signing the “Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials” form.

3. When the completed form is returned, the manager will read the material(s) in question, retrieve reviews of the material, and write a letter of recommendation to the patron regarding its status in the library’s collection. The reviews, the manager’s recommendation, and letter will be submitted to the director for review. The director will then decide whether the material(s) will be withdrawn or retained in the collection.

4. The manager will communicate this decision, and the reasons for it, in writing, to the person who initiated the request for reconsideration within 30 working days. The director will inform the Library Board of all requests for reconsideration of library materials and their disposition. Materials subject to reconsideration shall not be removed from the collection pending the final decision.

5. In the event the person who initiated the request is not satisfied with the decision of the director, he/she may speak to the director. If not satisfied, the patron may appeal before the Library Board by making a request that the director place him/her on a future Library Board’s meeting agenda. The Board will determine whether the request for reconsideration has been handled in accordance with stated policies and procedures of the Campbell County Public Library System. On the basis of this determination, the Board may vote to uphold or override the decision of the director.

CCPLS Reconsideration of Library Materials
as of February 28, 2022

Reconsideration forms received: 57
Unique titles challenged: 29
Unique people submitting challenge: 17
Step 4 complete on 29 titles: 57 letters sent

Titles receiving requests for reconsideration have been purchased by Campbell County Friends of the Library and are available for public review in the CCPL Administration Office.

TITLES APPEALED TO LIBRARY BOARD FOLLOWING STEP 4
• None as of March 3, 2022

STEP 4
ADULT
• Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison • book retained in original collection placement: adult fiction

YOUNG ADULT
• The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta
• Dating and Sex by Andrew P. Smiler
• Doing It!: Let’s Talk About Sex by Hannah Witton
• Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe • book moved to adult graphic novel collection
• Heartsstopper by Alice Oseman
• Jane Against the World: Roe v. Wade and the Fight for Reproductive Rights by Karen Blumenthal
• My Body My Choice: The Fight for Abortion Rights by Robin Stevenson
• Period Power: A Manifesto for the Menstrual Movement by Nadya Okamoto and Rebecca Elfast
• A Quick Easy Guide to Sex & Disability by A. Andrews • book moved to adult graphic novel collection

CHILDREN’S
• Asking About Sex & Growing Up: A Question-and-Answer Book for Kids by Joanna Cole
• The Gender Identity Workbook for Kids: A Guide to Exploring Who You Are (parenting collection) by Kelly Storck, LCSW
• Heather Has Two Mammies by Leslea Newman (parenting collection)
• How Do You Make a Baby? by Anna Fiske (parenting collection)
• It’s Not the Stork: A Book about Girls, Boys, Babies, Bodies, Families, and Friends by Robie H. Harris (parenting collection)
• Jack (Not Jackie) by Erica Silverman
• Rainbow: A First Book of Pride by Michael Genhart, PhD
• Sex is a Funny Word: A Book about Bodies by Cory Silverberg
• You Be You!: The Kid’s Guide to Gender, Sexuality, and Family by Johnathan Brinton (parenting collection)

TITLES APPEALED TO LIBRARY BOARD • RECONSIDERATION PROCESS COMPLETE

YOUNG ADULT
• The Babysitters Coven by Kate Williams • Step 5, book retained in original collection placement
• Music from Another World by Robin Talley • Step 5, book retained in original collection placement
• A Quick Easy Guide to Queer & Trans Identities by Mandy G. and Jules Zuckerberg • Step 5, book retained in original collection placement
• Sex Plus: Learning, Loving, and Enjoying Your Body by Laci Green • Step 5, book retained in original collection placement
• This Book is Gay by Juno Dawson • Step 5, book retained in original collection placement
• Trans Mission: My Quest for a Beard by Alex Bertie • Step 5, book retained in original collection placement
• The V-Word: True Stories About First-Time Sex by Amber J. Keyser • Step 5, book retained in original collection placement

CHILDREN’S
• Be Amazing: A History of Pride by Desmond Napoles • Step 5, book retained in original collection placement
• Mary Wears What She Wants by Keith Negley • Step 5, book retained in original collection placement
• Meena by Sina van Mol • Step 5, book retained in original collection placement

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