

Materials Reconsideration Policy

The American Library Association (ALA) **defines** a **challenge** to literature as an attempt by a person or group of people to have **materials**, such as books, removed from a library or school curriculum, or otherwise restricted.

Selection Policy

The resources acquired for the Camas County Public Library are selected to meet the service mission of the Library. Appearance of any resource does not mean that the Library advocates or endorses the ideas found in that resource. The Library adheres to the principles of intellectual freedom as outlined in the Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association. It is the responsibility of the Library to ensure that different points of view are represented in the collection.

The Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association states “Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation” (Article 1); and “Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval” (Article 2). The Library also endorses the Freedom to Read Statement, provided by the American Library Association.

Challenged Resources

Resources in the Library may be challenged by residents of Camas County, Idaho. A challenge to a resource in the Library must be based on the failure of that resource to fall within the Library’s selection and collection development policies, including the commitment to intellectual freedom. When challenging an item, the patron may request the library take one of two actions; (1) removal of an item because it is inappropriate, or (2) the addition of a source to balance the collection by providing alternative views. The Library may agree to take either action or no action at all. Challenged items will remain on the shelf and available to Library users during the duration of the challenge.

Procedure

Those persons wishing to challenge a resource in the Library will be asked to complete a Request for Reconsideration of Materials using the form below. The completed form will be submitted to the Director of the Library. The Request will then be considered by the Director, with the assistance of the Library Board of Trustees. The Director will make the final decision. The person making the challenge will be notified in writing by the Director of that decision and any action to be taken. The appeals process goes first to the Library Director, and then to the Board of Trustees.