

Reconsideration of Library Materials

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 Wilmington 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 Library Director.

Should the patron desire further review 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 review the matter relative to the individual concern and the selection principles as promulgated. If the challenged material meets the criteria of selection, it will not be removed from the collection because of pressure from any individual or group.

In addition to the Request for Reconsideration form, the following documents will be provided should there be a challenge.

Library Bill of Rights

ALA Freedom to Read Statement

ALA Freedom to View Statement

**Wilmington Memorial Library
Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials**

Completion of this form is required in order to initiate a formal request for reconsideration of any library material. After completing this form, please return it to the Library Director.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Address</u>	<u>City/Zip</u>
<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>Who do you represent?</u> <i>Yourself</i> _____ <i>Organization (please name)</i> _____	
<u>Have you read the Library's Collection Development Policy?</u> <i>Yes</i> _____ <i>No</i> _____	
<u>Type of Material</u> <i>Book</i> ___ <i>DVD</i> ___ <i>CD</i> ___ <i>Video Game</i> ___ <i>Other (please specify)</i> _____	
<u>Item Title</u>	<u>Item Author</u>
<u>Item Publisher/Producer</u>	<u>Item Publication Date</u>
<u>Have you seen reviews of this item?</u> <i>Yes</i> ___ <i>No</i> ___	<u>If yes, do you agree with the reviews?</u> <i>Yes</i> ___ <i>No</i> ___

Please answer the following questions. Use the reverse side of the paper if necessary.

1. How was this item brought to your attention?

2. Have you read/viewed the entire work? Yes ___ No ___ If not, which parts?

3. What concerns you about this material? Please cite specific examples, page numbers, etc.

4. What would you like the library to do about this material?

Patron Signature _____ **Date** _____