



Peterborough Town Library

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Reconsideration Policy:

Requests for Reconsideration of a Work

The Peterborough Town Library believes it is the responsibility of the library to provide an open forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and viewpoints. We will not censor or remove materials because of the political, moral, philosophical, or religious views they present or because of the convictions or backgrounds of their creators.

In selecting books and other materials for the library, we fully subscribe to the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to View statement.

Any Peterborough resident or Peterborough Town Library card holder who wishes to discuss the library's selection policies or to question the inclusion of a specific item in the library's collections should contact the Library Director. An appointment with the Library Director is the first step to discuss any request to remove an item from the collection. The appointment will be offered within 14 days of the request.

If a discussion with the Director does not resolve the patron concern, the patron has a right to fill out the library Request for Reconsideration of a Work form. Requests for reconsideration will be considered by the Library Director and selected staff members, who will present their recommendation for the material to the Board of Trustees at the next regular meeting.

The Board will review the reconsideration form and staff report in public session and issue a decision about whether to keep the material in the library collection. The Board's decision is final.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on April 21, 2022



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Request for Reconsideration of Library materials or programs

Procedure:

1. An appointment with the Library Director is required to begin the process. The Director is available to discuss the material or program and answer questions about the reconsideration procedure. The reconsideration form will be provided.
2. The reconsideration form below must be completed and submitted to the Library Director.
3. The Library Director will work with the appropriate staff members to review the materials or program and make a recommendation to the Board.
4. The recommendation of the staff, along with the reconsideration form, will be reviewed by the Library Board of Trustees at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The petitioner will be contacted about the date of this meeting and is free to attend the Board meeting, which is open to the public.
5. If not in attendance, a representative member of the Board of Trustees will contact the petitioner with a determination. The Board of Trustees have final say on any request for the removal of materials at the Library.
6. The material or program in question will remain in the collection or on the schedule of events until a decision is made.

TYPE OF MATERIAL: Book/eBook/Audio _____ Magazine _____ DVD _____
Program _____ Other (please specify) _____

Title of material or program: _____

Author/Artist/Presenter: _____

Call Number: _____

Publisher or Distributer: _____

Request Initiated by: _____

Date: _____



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Address: _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Complainant represents:

_____ Self

_____ Organizations (Name and Address) _____

_____ Other (please specify) _____

1. Have you read, listened to, or viewed the entire content or attended the program? If no, what parts?

2. To what in the work or presentation do you object? Please be specific: cite pages, passages, etc.

3. What of value is there in this work or program?

4. What do you feel might be the result of reading/viewing/ attending/listening to this work?



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5. For what age group would you recommend this work? _____

6. Are you aware of the judgment of this work by critics? _____

7. What do you believe is the theme of purpose of this work or program?

8. What would you prefer the library do about this work?

9. Can you recommend other material or programs that would convey a valuable perspective of the subject matter?

10. Have you read the Peterborough Town Library Collection Development Policy and the intellectual freedom statements formally adopted by the Board of Trustees? Yes No

Thank you for your time.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____