

**RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY RESOURCES**

Although the library accepts responsibility for providing free access by the public to all points of view, the addition of an item to the collection in no way represents an endorsement by the library to any theory, idea, or policy contained therein.

All sides of controversial issues are represented in the library to the extent that budget, space and availability of materials allow. Selection is based upon the criteria cited in this policy statement. The race, religion, nationality, or political view of an author; the frankness or coarseness or language; the controversial content of an item; or the endorsement or disapproval of an individual or group in the community does not cause an item to be automatically included or excluded.

Children are not limited to materials in the juvenile collection. Responsibility for materials selected for a child must rest with the parent or legal guardian. Selection will not be inhibited by the possibility that controversial materials may come into the possession of children.

A “*Request for Reconsideration of Library Resources*” form (*Appendices MNG – 3*) is available to all North Aurora residents for comments and/or complaints concerning library materials. Only those forms signed by the patron will be considered in the evaluation process. **No** action will be taken until the Library Administrator has had the opportunity to examine and evaluate both the material in question and the formal complaint registered against it.

Appeals may be made in writing to the Library Board of Trustees. The Library Board of Trustee’s decision is final.

Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees as part of the Materials Selection Policy are the following attached American Library Association statements:

- 1) The Library Bill of Rights\*
  - a) \* *Diversity in Collection Development, an interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights*
  - b) \* *Evaluating Library Collections, an interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights*
- 2) The Freedom to Read Statement
- 3) The Freedom to View Statement

The Collection Management Policy (*Policy MNG-2*) is approved and endorsed as the official policy of the Messenger Public Library of North Aurora by the Board of Library Trustees. This policy statement will be reviewed and revised as necessary at the end of each fiscal year by the Board of Trustees.

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