



Request for Reconsideration of Materials and Programs Policy

The Hopkinton Town Library welcomes comments and suggestions regarding the continued appropriateness of materials in the collection and the content of programs, especially concerning outdated information. Suggestions will be considered and utilized by the library in the ongoing process of collection development and program planning.

Individuals may take issue with library offerings that do not support their tastes and views. Staff is available to discuss concerns and identify alternatives that may be available. If a person's concern is not satisfied through discussion with staff, a formal, written request for reconsideration may be submitted to the library director. Copies of this form are available on the library's website (www.hopkintontownlibrary.org see the Policy Section under the About Us tab) or at the Welcome Desk. The Hopkinton Town Library is not a judicial body. Laws governing obscenity, subversive materials, and other questionable matters are subject to interpretation by the courts. Therefore, no challenged material will be removed solely for the complaint of obscenity, or any other category covered by law until after a local court of competent jurisdiction has ruled against the material.

For a request for reconsideration to be considered, the form must be completed in full. The patron submitting the request must hold a valid borrower's card. The director will consult with the Board of Library Trustees and respond in writing within thirty days of receipt of the patron's request for reconsideration. The response will indicate the action to be taken and reasons for or against the request. An item or program will only be evaluated for reconsideration once in a twelve-month period.

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