



Reconsiderations

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Maricopa County Library District
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A. POLICY

The Library District believes that reading, listening to, and viewing library materials are individual, private matters.

While one is free to select or to reject materials for oneself, one cannot restrict the freedom of others to read, view, or inquire. Some library materials may be controversial and any given item may offend some person. Selections for the library will not, however, be made on the basis of anticipated approval or disapproval, but solely on the merits of the materials in relation to the building of the collection and to serving the interests of the customer. Responsibility for materials chosen and borrowed by children and adolescents rests with their parents or legal guardians. Materials are not labeled to show approval or disapproval or to indicate certain philosophies.

The Library District recognizes the right of individuals to question library materials in the District's collection. A library customer questioning a title in the collection is encouraged to talk with designated members of the staff concerning such material. Procedures have been developed to assure that complaints are handled in an attentive and consistent manner.

To formally state his/her opinion and receive a written response, a customer may submit the form provided for that purpose. Material that has been questioned will remain in the active collection until the Library District has made a determination of its status.

The Library District does not support specific causes or points of view. No library materials shall be excluded because of race nationality, political religious, or social

views of the author, performer, publisher, or producer. Not all materials will be suitable for all members of the community.