

# **Reconsideration of Library Materials Policy**

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An obligation of the public library is to reflect within its collection differing points of view on controversial or debatable subjects. The Krum Public Library does not declare particular beliefs nor views, nor does the selection of an item express or imply an endorsement of the author's viewpoint. Library materials will not be marked or identified to show approval or disapproval of the contents.

Comments from members of the community about the collection or individual items in the collection frequently provide librarians with useful information about interests or needs that may not be adequately met by the collection. The library welcomes expression of opinion by patrons, but will be governed by the library's materials selection policy in making additions to or deleting items from the collection.

Patrons who request the reconsideration of library materials will be asked to put their request in writing by completing and signing the form titled "Request for Reconsideration of library material."

Upon receipt of a formal, written request, the director will present the request to the Library Board, which will appoint an ad hoc committee that will include the Library Director, one Board Member and a citizen from the community, possibly a member of the Friends of the Library. Within four weeks after it is appointed, the committee will make a written recommendation regarding its decision. The Library Director will communicate the decision and the reasons for the reconsideration at the earliest possible date. The Library Director will inform the Library Board of all requests for the reconsideration of library materials and the disposition.

In the event that the person who initiated the request is not satisfied with the decision of the committee, he or she may appeal for a hearing before the Library Board by making a written request to the Library Board Chair. The Library Board reserves the right to limit the length of presentation and number of speakers at the hearing. The Library Board will determine whether the request for reconsideration has been handled in accordance with stated policies and procedures of the Krum Public Library. On the basis of this determination, the board may vote to uphold or override the decision of the director.