

PROCEDURE FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS

Occasional objections to library materials will be made despite the quality of the selection process. The Stamford Community Library board of Trustees supports the principles of intellectual freedom inherent in the Library Bill of Rights, and the Freedom to Read of the American Library Association.

If a complaint is made, the following procedure should be followed.

1. Inform the complainant of the selection procedures.
2. If the complainant wishes further consideration of their objection to the library material under consideration, they will be requested to submit the form, "Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials".
3. The Librarian will submit the completed form to the board.
4. The board will then take the following steps:
 - a. Read, view or listen to the material in its entirety.
 - b. Check general acceptance of material by reading reviews and consulting recommended lists.
 - c. Determine value of material to the collection.
5. Written recommendation will be presented by the board to the complainant.
6. If the complainant desires further reconsideration of material, an appeal may be made.

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