

Township Library of lower Southampton
Collection Management

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Policy Statement

The Township Library of Lower Southampton encourages free access to ideas and supports the right of the individual to secure information, even when the content may be controversial, unorthodox, or unacceptable to others. The Library upholds the principles found in the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights," "Freedom to Read," and "Freedom to View" statements.

The Library recognizes the right of library users to question both materials in the library's collection and those excluded from it.

Regulations

The Township Library of Lower Southampton seeks to meet the needs of all of the residents of the township and recognizes that some materials may be controversial. The library will not determine the appropriateness of an item for an individual user by refusing to lend it, housing it in a location where the intended audience is unlikely to find it, or labeling it in a way that may limit its potential audience. It is the responsibility of library users to restrict for themselves materials that they find objectionable. Library users may not restrict the freedom of others to read/view/hear what they desire.

The responsibility for children's use of library materials rests with their parents or legal guardians. Selection of materials for adults or young adults will not be inhibited by the possibility that such materials may be accessible to children. Individuals wishing to question materials in the collection or those excluded from it should first discuss the situation with the Library Director.

If the situation cannot be resolved to the library user's satisfaction, he or she is welcome to share that opinion with the Library Board of Directors in writing as outlined under "Request for Reconsideration Guidelines" appended to this policy.

The Library Board of Directors of the Township Library of Lower Southampton will consider the appeal at their next regularly scheduled Board meeting to which the library user is invited to share their views and concerns. The Board will examine the complaint and study evaluative reviews of the material in question. The Bucks County System Board may be called upon to act in an advisory capacity. The decision of the Board will be final.

Adopted: November 13, 2012 – Library Board of Directors

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION GUIDELINES

In preparing your written statement please include:

1. Your name, address, phone number.
2. If complaint is being made on behalf of another person or a group please list name, address, phone number.
3. Assurances that you personally read or viewed the entire work.
4. Specific information as to what in the work you objected to.
5. What do you feel would be the results of exposure to the work and to whom?
6. What you would like the library to do about this work.
7. What have been the opinions of reviewers with regard to this work.
8. Other titles that you feel might better cover the subject treated in this work.