

Upper St. Clair Township Library Reconsideration of Library Materials Policy

The Upper St. Clair Township Library subscribes to the Library Bill of Rights as adopted by the American Library Association June 27, 1967 and its subsequent amendments. This document reads, in part: "As a responsibility of library service, books and other library materials selected should be chosen for values of interest, information and enlightenment of all the people of the community."

The public library has an obligation to reflect within its collection differing points of view on controversial or debatable subjects. The Upper St. Clair Township Library does not declare particular beliefs or views, nor does the selection of an item express or imply an endorsement of the author's viewpoint. We realize that everyone's tastes are different, and that it is our responsibility to provide materials on a multitude of subjects and viewpoints, in many styles.

Comments from members of the community 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 Collection Development Policy in making additions to or deleting items from the collection. We further believe that the parents of a child are the only people who should be allowed to monitor the reading, watching or listening activities of that child. Conversely, we believe that it is every parent's duty to monitor his or her child's activity and that this is not the prerogative of the library.

If you honestly feel that a book or other item in our collection does not belong in the library of a free society, we invite you to fill out the form on the reverse side of this sheet entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Library Material."

Upon receipt of a formal, written request, the Director will appoint an ad hoc committee from the professional staff. The committee will make a written recommendation to the Director who will then make a decision regarding the disposition of the material. The Director will communicate this decision, and the reasons for it, in writing, to the person who initiated the request for reconsideration at the earliest possible date.

Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials

Author/Artist _____

Title _____

Book _____ Music _____ Film _____ Magazine _____

Publisher/Date of publication _____

Please state the reason for your request.

Have you read/viewed/listened/ to this work in its entirety? _____

If not, what parts were not completed and why?

In its place, what work would you recommend on the subject?

Have you read the Upper St. Clair Township Library Collection Development Policy? _____

Request initiated by

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Do you represent:

_____ Yourself
_____ Organization (name) _____

Date: _____ Signature of Patron: _____

Date: _____ Received by Staff Member: _____