

Driftwood Public Library Request for Reconsideration Policy

Driftwood Public Library strives to provide access to a wide range of materials and programming representing varying points of view. The Library upholds the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read, and the Freedom to View statements. The Library will not impose restrictions on an individual's right to read, listen to, or view library materials based on the materials' content.

In some cases, patrons may take issue with specific library materials or programming they find offensive or inappropriate for the collection. Should a patron feel that an item or program should be removed or reclassified, the following steps may be taken, though the Library encourages the public to first talk to a librarian about their concerns.

1. The patron should complete a [Request for Reconsideration form](#) and turn it in to the Library. The completed form will go to the Library Director and selecting librarian responsible for the development and selection of the item's area of the collection. Patrons submitting a request for reconsideration must reside within the Driftwood Public Library service area.
2. The Director will send acknowledgement via email (if provided) or first class mail of receipt of the Request for Reconsideration form to the patron within seven days of its receipt. Staff will evaluate journal reviews, selection criteria used to purchase the item or schedule the program, and materials submitted by the patron and staff. The Library Director will provide a written response within 30 days of receiving the formal objection.
3. If the Director's response does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the patron may request, in writing, that the Library Advisory Board review the matter. Request for review by the board must be made in writing within 30 days of receiving the Library Director's written response. The patron should provide written and/or verbal arguments as to why the material in question should be removed or reclassified, or why the program should not be presented. The Library Board will make a decision at a regularly scheduled meeting and the patron will receive written notification from the Board as to their decision. The material in question will remain active in the collection during the review process.

Approved by the Driftwood Public Library Advisory Board on March 9, 2022.

