

Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials



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Thank you for taking time to communicate your concerns regarding material in the Fremont County Library System collection. Please return your completed Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials (CRRLM) form to the Library Manager. You will receive an initial response within 30 days.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Zipcode _____

Email Address: _____

MATERIAL INFORMATION

Title of Material: _____

Author: _____ Item Barcode # _____

Type of Material: BOOK DVD AUDIOBOOK MAGAZINE NEWSPAPER

OTHER (specify) _____

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE MATERIAL

1) How did you become aware of this material?

2) Did you read (or view or listen to) the entirety of the material? YES NO

3) Please describe your concerns about this material. Provide specific pages and content that illustrate your concerns. (Attach additional pages if needed.)

4) What would you like the Library to do with this material? REMOVE RELOCATE

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5) What materials on this topic or in this genre would you recommend that the Library add to the collection?

6) Have you spoken to the Library Manager or one of the Library staff about this material?

YES NO If Yes, please indicate the staff person: _____

7) Have you read the FCLS Materials Acquisition & Maintenance Policy and the FCLS Challenged Materials Policy (attached)? YES NO

AFFIRMATION & SIGNATURE

I affirm that in this CRRLM I represent (indicate below):

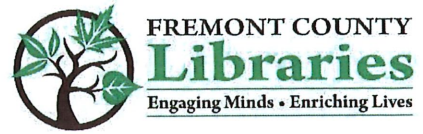
- MYSELF
- ORGANIZATION (name of organization) _____
- OTHER (please specify) _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Please deliver to the Library Manager or mail to the Library Director:

Fremont County Library System: Library Director
451 N. 2nd Street
Lander, WY 82520

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These policy statements are taken from the FCLS Organizational & Personnel Policy Manual:

MATERIALS ACQUISITION POLICY

The Fremont County Library System provides free access to materials in a variety of formats to all people in Fremont County. Materials will meet the informational, recreational, cultural, and educational needs that reflect a diversity of ideas. The Board of Directors of the Fremont County Library System has delegated the responsibility of collection development within the scope of its budget to the Library Director and library staff.

FCLS maintains a Materials Selection Criteria that reflects existing collection needs, relevance to community needs, quality of the publication, and patron requests.

FCLS adheres to the seven tenets of the Freedom to Read Statement from the American Library Association's Freedom to Read Foundation:

- 1) It is in the public interest for publishers and librarians to make available the widest diversity of views and expressions, including those that are unorthodox, unpopular, or considered dangerous by the majority.
- 2) Publishers, librarians, and booksellers do not need to endorse every idea or presentation they make available. It would conflict with the public interest for them to establish their own political, moral, or aesthetic views as a standard for determining what should be published or circulated.
- 3) It is contrary to the public interest for publishers or librarians to bar access to writings on the basis of the personal history or political affiliations of the author.
- 4) There is no place in our society for efforts to coerce the taste of others, to confine adults to the reading matter deemed suitable for adolescents, or to inhibit the efforts of writers to achieve artistic expression.
- 5) It is not in the public interest to force a reader to accept the prejudgment of a label characterizing any expression or its author as subversive or dangerous.
- 6) It is the responsibility of publishers and librarians, as guardians of the people's freedom to read, to contest encroachments upon that freedom by individuals or groups seeking to impose their own standards or tastes upon the community at large; and by the government whenever it seeks to reduce or deny public access to public information.
- 7) It is the responsibility of publishers and librarians to give full meaning to the freedom to read by providing books that enrich the quality and diversity of thought and expression. By the exercise of this affirmative responsibility, they can demonstrate that the answer to a "bad" book is a good one, the answer to a "bad" idea is a good one.

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CHALLENGED MATERIALS

It is the policy of the Fremont County Library Board of Directors to provide a process that allows the public to question the presence of specific materials in the library collection. Procedures for challenging materials are available at each library within the system. Challenges will only be entertained from Fremont County, Wyoming, residents.

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