

Brockton Public Library Request for Reconsideration Form

A Request for Reconsideration is defined as a concern raised regarding the content, depiction or representation contained in a work that the Library possesses, and its requested review by the Library Director for removal from the Library collection.

Date of Request:

Contact Information

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Title of Material:

Format: Book Sound Recording Visual Recording Video Game Artwork
 Magazine Econtent Other:

Audience: Adult Young Adult Children All Ages

Reason for concern (Please be as specific as comfort allows):

As specifically as possible, please note the location of the passage, depiction, or representation, in order for the Director to quickly locate it. (Page, episode, scene, etc.)
If the reason for concern is the work in its entirety, please mark below:

Entire Work

Is there anything else the Director should know?

-----In House Use-----

Collection Code:

Barcode Number:

Rec'd by:

Materials Challenge Policy/Request for Reconsideration

1. The Brockton Public Library adheres to the American Library Association's (ALA) Freedom to Read and Freedom to View Statements and Guidelines. Please see attached.
2. It is the policy of the Library to review quickly each request that is brought to the attention of the Library Director. The Request must be made in writing using the Request for Reconsideration Form. The Director's response must be recorded on the Response to Request for Reconsideration Form.
3. Any clearly illegal material, such as bootlegged movies or music, hate group literature, or that which can be shown to be child pornography, will be removed immediately. Any material that needs further legal review will be brought to the City of Brockton Law Department.
4. Under the guidelines of the American Library Association's Freedom to Read and Freedom to View standards, the Library Director will evaluate the nature of the complaint.
5. No material will be made difficult to read, view, etc., by requiring special permission or requiring a record of use by individuals.
6. After evaluation by the Library Director, the Director will contact the patron making the request to discuss the outcome of the review. He or she will explain which particular passage of the ALA's standards best supports the position of the Library or Patron. He or she will discuss the possible remedies, such as removal of the material for legal considerations, relocation of the material to a different collection, or other remedy as seen as supported by the ALA Statements and Guidelines. The Director should take the opportunity to discuss the request using the ALA statements. The patron will be provided with these Standards and Statements, if requested.
7. If, using the ALA Freedom to Read, Freedom to View Statements or Brockton Public Library's Collection Development Policy, the Director believes that the Library is not providing adequate materials to present a fair and equal balance to differing opinions, those material will be provided.
8. The Library Director will provide a written response to the Patron requesting the reconsideration.
9. The Library Director and Board of Library Trustees reserve the right to contact any professional library bodies for advice.

Response to Request for Reconsideration Form

Date(s) of Review:

Name of Patron making Request:

Title and Nature of work being challenged:

Is the material illegal: If yes, date removed:

The nature of the Challenge:

- Political
- Religious
- Prurient/Obscenity Concerns

- Audience Appropriateness
- Charges of Hate Speech
- Unfair or unbalanced opinions
- Other, Explain:

Signature of Director:
Date:
Attach written response of Director to Patron

Do the ALA Freedom Statements and Guidelines apply: Yes No
If yes, please cite passage:

Summary of discussion with patron:

Outcome: