



**CITY OF BROCKTON
BROCKTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**



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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](#).
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 this 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.



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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 materials 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.

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