

Brownell Library

Materials Reconsideration Form

Brownell library's materials collection is developed and managed to meet the cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs of the library's service area, as material budgets allow, and the library's commitment to individuals' intellectual freedom and freedom to read is a fundamental principle of the institution.

Only one Library Materials Reconsideration Form is accepted per household at a time. This form must be completed by a resident of the City of Essex Junction to be considered.

Estimated Cost of Book Challenge: Depending on how many people are included in the challenge discussion, the total cost of the challenge includes duplicate copies of the challenged materials as well as the time to read and discuss these materials.

A book challenge may take up to three months to reach resolution. A specific title may only be challenged once per calendar year.

Part 1:

Date _____ Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Do you represent yourself? _____ Or an organization? _____

Name of Organization: _____

1. Resource format on which you are commenting:

___ Book (e-book) ___ Movie ___ Magazine ___ Audio Recording

___ Digital Resource ___ Game ___ Newspaper ___ Other

Title: _____ Author/Producer: _____

2. What brought this resource to your attention?

3. Have you examined the entire resource? Must have read/listened to/viewed the entire resource in full or the reconsideration process cannot proceed.

Part 2:

Understanding the material being challenged. Incomplete responses or no responses to questions will void the form.

1. Explain the purpose of this material

2. What positive qualities does the material present

3. What are your concerns about the material, including citations and quotes

4. How has the material been assessed in professional review sources (include citations)

5. Provide citations in support of your objections

6. Explain how the material fails to meet Intellectual Freedom standards

7. Who would be negatively impacted by this material and how (citations and evidence required)

8. What would you replace the material with (include titles and professional reviews of replacement)

9. Why do you believe you should be able to restrict the reading choices of community members, including children?

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Signed _____

Dated _____

*Forms that are not signed will be void.