

# REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Grafton-Midview Public Library

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Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Author/Artist

\_\_\_\_\_  
Publisher/Producer

*Request for reconsideration initiated by:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Requester represents (self, organization, etc...)

Did you read/view/hear the entire work?    **YES**                      **NO**

Are you aware of the judgment of this item by professional critics?                      **YES**                      **NO**

What do you believe is the theme of this work?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
To what in the work do you object? Please be specific & cite page number or portion of audio/video.

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What do you feel might be the result of reading/viewing/hearing this material?

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What do you see as good in this item?

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What would you like the library to do about this material?

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In its place, what item of similar content would you recommend?

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Have you read the Grafton-Midview Public Library's Material Selection Policy as stated on the other side of this form?                      **YES**                      **NO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## VII. Book Selection Policy

The Grafton-Midview Public Library serves as a storehouse of reading matter, recordings, and other materials for the people of Lorain County. The Library Director's selection of which material are purchased with public funds is based on five factors:

1. Is it likely to be demanded or used?
2. Is it favorably reviewed or listed in bibliographies?
3. Is it readily available as low cost?
4. Will the subject matter and physical format endure?
5. Does the item help meet the goal of establishing balanced collection of materials representing diverse interests and viewpoints for the use and recreation of the community?

Up-to-date information is more readily available in periodicals than in books. Magazines which are indexed in standard indexes are given priority in purchasing. Pamphlets, newspapers, and audio-visual materials are purchased to fill the information needs which books alone cannot supply.

All patrons have a right to access books and materials of their choice, and it is the obligation of the library to provide them without censorship. The Library Board supports the principles of the "Library Bill of Rights" and asks that any requests for restricting the availability of materials be submitted to the Library Director in writing. Any such requests should be submitted on a "Request of Reconsideration of Library Materials Form." The Library Director will report to the Board the title(s) in question, and how the concern was handled.

### The Library Bill of Rights

THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

1. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should be excluded because of origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
2. Library should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
3. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
4. Libraries should cooperate with persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
5. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
6. Libraries which make exhibit space and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.