

Lied Public Library Policy**Section: Collections, Computers, and Technology****Subject: Request for Reconsideration****Board****Approved:03/2005****Reviewed: 02/2020****Revised: 06/2023**

Request for Reconsideration of Materials, Programs, or Activities

The Board of the Lied Public Library endorses the Freedom to Read¹ and Freedom to View Statement² and their interpretations. Materials selected under the Collection Development Policy are considered protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Public libraries preserve and enhance people's right to a broader range of ideas than those held by any one librarian, person, publisher, or group. Occasionally, individuals or groups can have diverse opinions on what is acceptable or appropriate for the Library. Library collections, programs, and activities are not limited to only those ideas and information one person or group believes to be true, good, and proper.

The Library does not endorse particular ideas, beliefs, or views. The Board of Trustees believes that anyone is free to reject for himself/herself library materials, programs, or activities of which he or she does not approve. The individual cannot restrict the freedom of others to read, view or hear.

Parents or legal guardians have the responsibility to guide and direct the reading, viewing or listening of their own minor children. The library does not take the place of the parent or guardian/act in loco parentis.

The Library Director and Board of Trustees are aware that customers may take issue with the inclusion of specific items, programs, or practices, and they welcome the expression of concern by customers. If your discussion with members of staff has not alleviated your concern please complete the Request for Reconsideration of *Library Resources* which can be obtained at the library. The professional staff and the Library Trustees will review the challenge(s) at their next regular board meeting. Please note: the board meetings will be conducted in open session, as required by Iowa law, and the Request will be made public. The requestor will be informed of the Trustee's decision. Their decision will be final.

Repeat or duplicated requests will NOT be reconsidered for three (3) years unless there is a significant change in law or library policy.

Request for Reconsideration will only be entertained by those living or owning property in the City of Clarinda, Rural Page County, or a contracting community for library services.

A Request for Reconsideration can also be used if requested materials, programs, or activities are NOT provided for by the library.

¹ American Library Association Freedom to Read Statement

[<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/statementspols/freedomreadstatement>] accessed 02-18-2022

² American Library Association Freedom to View Statement

[<http://www.ala.org/vrt/professionalresources/vrtresources/freedomtoview>] accessed 02-18-2022